

ORDER OF WORSHIP

150th Anniversary
September 12, 2021
10:30AM

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Jason Krug

WELCOME

Words from the 150th Anniversary Team
Words of Greeting from the Presbytery
Reading of City Proclamation
Words of Thanks

Amy Madsen
Dan Saperstein
Allan Riggs
Sallie Scheide

HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!**
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow: to carry truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

“Halle Halle, Hallelujah”
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(2 times)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-28
The Gospel of the Lord.. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“Following Jesus Christ”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: When and how have you picked up your cross to follow Jesus Christ?

HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

(Refrain)

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

(Refrain)

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OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Blessing of the Back Packs

ANTHEM

“Make Our Church One Joyful Choir”

Paul Laubengayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are worshipping virtually today, please make sure that you have some sort of drink and bread or cracker for Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

**“Go with Us, Lord”
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

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POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

Fred Bock

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox and Andrew Miller

Worship is...

One beautiful image of worship comes from the 19th century Danish philosopher and theologian Soren (Sorin) Kierkegaard. Kierkegaard describes worship a drama or theatre. The worship leaders (Mary Jo, the choir and the liturgist when we have one, and Andrew) are the conductors, the congregation (those sitting in the pews or in your lawn chairs, or in the comfort of your home) are the actors, and God...God is the audience. God is the recipient of our worship. Worship is not about us. It is all meant to be for and about God. So, at the end of worship please refrain from clapping. The hope and prayer are that God is giving us all a standing ovation or a round of applause for how we have worshiped God today. Instead of clapping at the end of worship consider sharing a phrase of praise such as an “Amen”, “Thanks be to God”, or “Alleluia”.

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Suzanne Hand, Russell, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriguez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Bay City, MI, Guyana Presbyterian Church and Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Coupons

If you do not use the coupons from your Sunday newspaper, please bring them to the church office and we will share them with Community Compassion Network.

Flowers

The flowers given today by Jim and Marilyn Bidwell are in celebration of 150 years of church history and 55 years of our membership.

Bible Study

On Sunday, September 19 at 9:45 there will be a meeting in the parlor of people who might be interested in a Sunday morning Bible study. Is there interest in having such a study? If so, what materials might be used? If you might be interested, please come to the meeting or leave a message at the church office.