

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
10:25 AM

HYMN SING

Mary Jo Cox, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

One: How good it is for us to
come together as kindred spirits.

All: Hallelujah!

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

Praise God for This Holy Ground

John Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Fitzgerald

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen to his voice.

*HYMN No. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(sing twice)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

Congregation: **May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: **Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
Liam Cox and Megan Ransom, solos

David Burton

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

Question of the day: How has your love been shared in truth and action?

REFLECTION

“Truth and Love in Action”

Andrew Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From Scripture*

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

MORNING PRAYER 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.

*HYMN No. 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Though Praise Ends, Praise is Begun

John Bell

* POSTLUDE

Psalm Of Glory

Lani Smith

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Tim Fitzgerald; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Laura Havens (Marge Havens' daughter in-law), J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Frist Presbyterian Church of Taymouth, Burch Run, MI, Evangelical Church in Minahasa, and the Isabella Child Development Center.

Offering

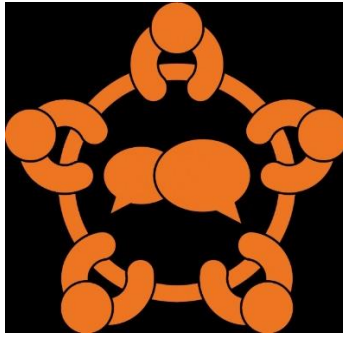
If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can 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,



Celtic Worship

Please join us for a Celtic Worship Service, to take place from 6:00-6:30 on four Wednesdays in May: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29. Come to any or all! We'll meet in the sanctuary to celebrate this ancient tradition, which is our heritage as Presbyterians. We'll pray, sing, read scripture, and share communion and the joy of being together.

Who is God Calling Us to Be ROUNDTABLE Discussion



The Who is God Calling Us to Be Team wants to hear from you. You are invited to a roundtable discussion. There are two times for you to choose to attend: Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30PM or Sunday, April 28 from 4:00-5:00PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets are located on the Narthex bulletin board or you can go to the following link or QR Code: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADA823ABFAC34-48926229-whoisgod>.



Community Garden

It is that time of year to start thinking about gardening. For the second year in a row will have garden plots available in the Community Gardens on the other side of the playground on the church property. If you are interested in a plot contact Andrew Miller by email andrewmiller@fcmp.org or call/text 989-954-3297.

3rd Tuesday Food Truck and Fellowship

On the 3rd Tuesday of June 18, July 16, and August 20 the Cruisin' Chef food truck will be parked in the church parking lot from 5-6:30PM. Come and get some food and have casual conversations with church and neighborhood friends. All are invited and all are welcome.

Restore the Glory Update

Due to circumstances beyond their control, our painting contractor is not able to repair and paint the sanctuary ceiling. They were scheduled to begin work Monday, April 15th. No costs will be incurred by the church in connection with the cancellation of their contract.

The House & Grounds Team will once again solicit bids for the project and select a contractor, moving forward as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, we will have to wait a bit longer to "Restore the Glory" of our sanctuary ceiling.

RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 8

Clean your closets!! Clean your basement! Bring your discarded treasures for our sale.