

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Liturgical Improvisation
Mary Jo Cox, organ

George Oldroyd

WORDS OF GREETING

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

All: Hallelujah!

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Riggs

One: The psalmist encourages us to praise
God for all the marvelous things God has done.

**All: We join with all creation in praise,
for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.**

One: We sing because God chooses us out of God's
great love.

**All: We choose God's love,
which bears us in fullness beyond compare.**

*HYMN No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us,
we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' 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)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98

Amen. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ephemeral
Mark Cox, tuba

Hannah White

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

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

REFLECTION

“Bearing Fruit that Will Last”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What does bearing fruit that will last look like?

*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. 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are worshiping virtually today, please make sure that you have some sort of drink and bread or cracker for Communion. In person communion wafers are made of flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil salt.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* (v.1)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

* POSTLUDE

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Dale Wood

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Mark Cox; Martha Riggs; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Bill Wilson, 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, First Presbyterian, Caro, MI, East Java Christian Church, and the Nutrition Club of Community Compassion Network.

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.

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.