

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Pepper Choplin

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

David Stevens

One: What a blessing!
We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

All: What a fellowship!
We join together and share our testimony
in the presence of God.

One: Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

All: We come to worship God with our whole hearts.

*HYMN No. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us, you taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth. Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that power is the ultimate truth. Speak your words of peace to us this day, and make our lives a testimony to your grace. For you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly live. 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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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

Psalm 1

Amen. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prayer

Helen Kemp

Liam and Mark Cox, duet

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

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

REFLECTION

"A Portion of Jesus' Final Prayer"

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How might we live vitally and faithfully in the world, not owned by it, but fully engaged in its needs?

*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. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (see hymnal)

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. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 702

Christ Be Beside Me (v.1)
**Christ be beside me;
Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me;
Christ be below me;
Christ be above me,
never to part.**

* POSTLUDE

Darwall's 148th

Jason D. Payne

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; David Stevens; 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, Cass City, MI, Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, and Community Compassion Network – Food Pantry.

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 at 6:00 on Wednesdays May: 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.

FPC Loons Baseball Game

Sunday, June 9 at 1:05 PM

Location: Loons Ball Park in Midland, MI

Tickets : \$12.50 per person

Meal Deals : Choice #1 is a meal of a hot dog, chips and a soft drink for \$7.50 , OR, Choice #2 is a meal of 2 slices of pizza for \$7.50.

Payment: Make checks out to the First Presbyterian Church; on the memo line add "Loons Game".

Pick up your tickets at the ball park and tell them you are with the FPC group from Mt. Pleasant. Call or text Allan Riggs at (989)-560-5604 with any questions.

The deadline to order tickets is Monday , June 3, at 12:00 Noon. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ICRH Capital Campaign Kick-off & New Building Open House

Join us at our new location to celebrate the kick-off of our capital campaign.

- Tour our new facility
- Meet with staff and board members
- Learn about our future Indulge in ice cream from Doozies
- Support our vision

Thursday, May 16, 4-6pm
ICRH New Location

555 N. Main, Mt. Pleasant
RSVP-icrh@icrhouse.org