

**Worship on the Front Lawn
June 9, 2024
10:30AM**

PRELUDE

Psalm of Stillness
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Tracey McKibben

OPENING HYMNS No. 288

Spirit of the Living God
**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

*"Spirit of the Living God" words and music by Daniel Iverson
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No. 664 *Morning Has Broken*

**1 Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

WELCOME

HYMN No. 701

Lord, Prepare Me
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**
(sing twice)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE
I've Got Peace Like A River
**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul (Repeat)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 3:20-35

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

REFLECTION

“Has Jesus Gone off the Deep End”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What is the will of God?

HYMN No. 370

This Is My Father's World
**1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**
**2 This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE No. 543

(v. 1)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Geoffrey Andrews

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox and Andrew Miller

Following Worship there be a time of fellowship.

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, First Presbyterian, Deckerville, MI, Evangelical Christian Church in Bolaang Mongondow, and Christmas Outreach.

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,



Noisy Offering

Today we will be collecting the Noisy Offering. Place your loose coins into the tin buckets. 100% of the offering will go towards the Mt. Pleasant Little Homes Project.

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.

Spring Financial Statement Notice from the Church

If you made a financial contribution to the church since January 2024 and the church has your email address, you will be receiving your spring financial statement electronically in the next couple of weeks. The email will be coming from support@ccissoftware.com. If you have questions or concerns about your statement, feel free to email Peter Loubert at bookkeeper@fpcmp.org. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the church.

Save The Date

Worship on the Front Lawn

Weather permitting, we will worship on the front lawn on Sunday June 9, July 14, and August 11. If the weather is poor, we will worship in the Sanctuary. Please bring a camping or lawn chair or a blanket to sit on.

Worship as Service

On Sunday, July 21 we gather in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM for a prayer then we will be sent out to do service projects for our time of worship.

Sermon as a Conversation

Sermon as a Conversation is a time that when we will break up into small groups and have discussions and there will be a time to ask Pastor Andrew questions about the scripture reading for the morning. Sermon as a Conversation will take place Sunday, June 23 and July 28.

Worship in the Park

Join us Sunday, August 25 for Worship in the Park with other churches in our community. Time to be set at a later date.