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PREACHING today is the Reverend William Findlay. Reverend Findlay is a retired Presbyterian pastor who, with his wife Pat, worships with our congregation regularly and serves as a Pastoral Associate in the area of pastoral care. Throughout his ministry he served congregations in Iowa, New York, Missouri, Alaska and Michigan, including Calvary Presbyterian Church here in Ann Arbor.

PARTICIPATING in the worship service today is Karl Hauser.

THE PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE READER is Karl Hauser.

THE SOLOIST is Sally Carpenter.

Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, mission, learning, and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do, to demonstrate God's grace and love.

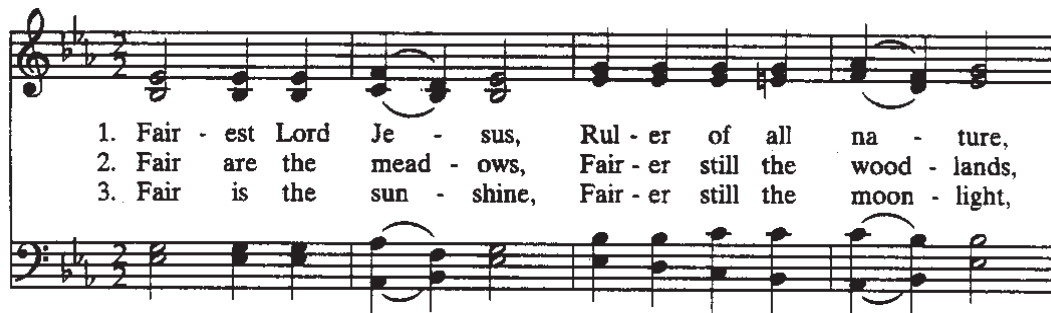
WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

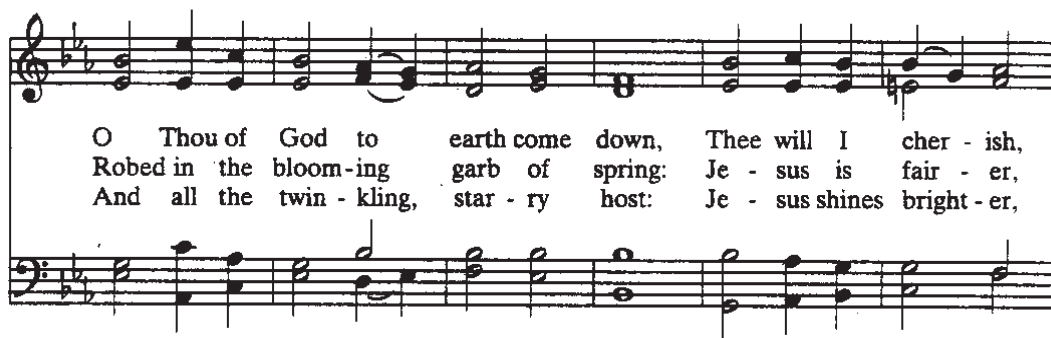
WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 306 Fairest Lord Jesus

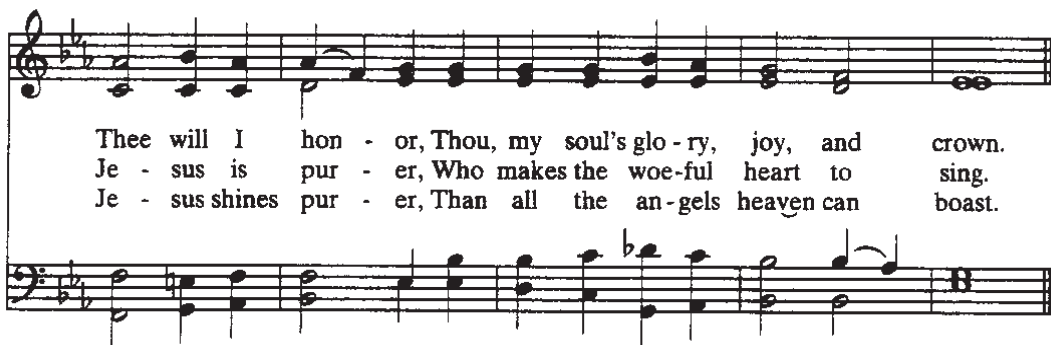
Crusaders' Hymn



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,



O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE **Christ Alone**



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

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light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

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ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain. And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

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cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
me; for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

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love of Christ I stand.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

HYMN Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet, and a light un-to my
path. When I feel a- fraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right be - side me, And
noth- ing will I fear as long as you are near, Please be near me
to the end. Thy Word is a
(Repeat twice)
lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (N.T., pp. 13-14)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
 2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood round His knee;
 3. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, How rolled the sea,
 4. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,

Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were
 And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on
 Toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest On Gal - i -
 Wav - ing a branch of the palm - tree High in my

here; Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
 me: Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
 leel And how the Mas - ter, Read - y and kind,
 hand; One of His her - aids, Yes, I would sing

Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
 All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
 Chid - ed the bil - lows, And hushed the wind.
 Loud - est ho - san - nas! "Je - sus is King!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All communion chalices contain only nonalcoholic grape juice. We will partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction. The bread will be passed from one person to the next. We are all invited to take a piece. When the cup is passed we are invited to dip the bread in the cup and partake of both the bread and the juice together. Please use the words, "The body of Christ" and "The cup of salvation" when serving your brother or sister in Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

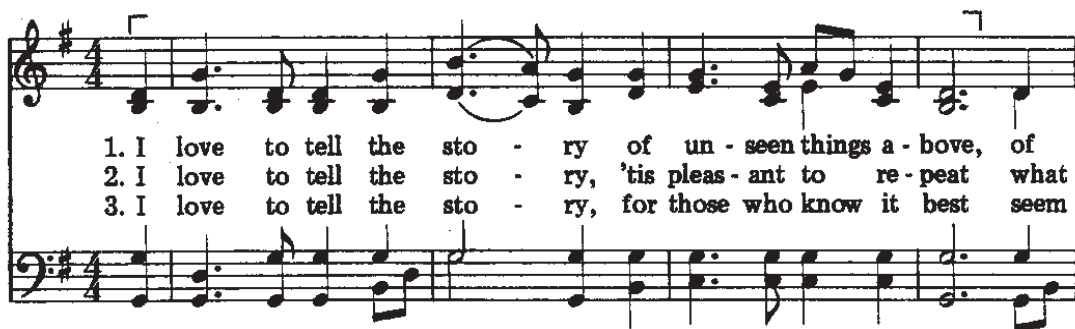
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and forget not all God's blessings.**

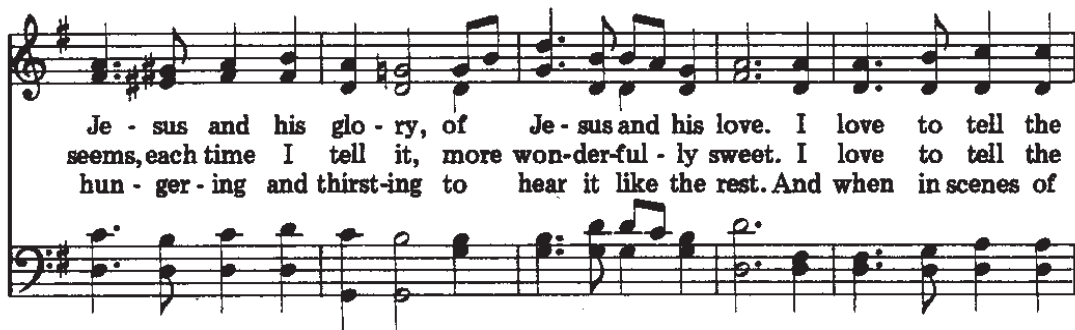
PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING


SENDING HYMN I Love to Tell the Story



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem



Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of



sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

Refrain

noth - ing else can do.
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

BENEDICTION

INTERIM PERIOD UPDATE

The Self Study Committee has met twice since its initial meeting and plans to meet weekly, with the goal of completing the Self Study report before the end of the year. Their goal is to spend August "defining the congregation." They plan to follow, as a general guideline, the design for a self study as prepared by Philip Reed in his paper, "What Makes a Terrific Congregational Self Study?" A copy may be obtained on the church's website.

The committee feels it is valuable and necessary to obtain congregational input. In September, a variety of tools will be offered to the congregation to gather that input — including the completion of a survey, attendance at small group settings, etc.

At a specially called meeting of Session scheduled for 11:00 a.m. this morning, the Session meets to act on a motion of the Personnel Committee to present a candidate to be interim pastor pending the completion of all requirements necessary for the hiring of an interim pastor as set forth by the Presbytery of Detroit.

JOIN US FOR THE POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH SERIES! Please come back at noon, or stay after the 5:45@11:00 a.m. worship service for this informal potluck lunch in the Social Hall. A main dish is provided, so feel free to bring a stress-free side dish or dessert. This is a great time to socialize and meet people in a more intimate setting. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory at am_traxler@yahoo.com. The Potluck Deluxe will continue on Sundays all summer.

Announcements

LOUISE RITSEMA, our dear friend and long-time member, passed away on Sunday, July 19. Louise, who joined in 1954, was our Clerk of Session for several years, and principal of Haisley School from its opening to her retirement - a full 29 years. She was beloved by our community and our church. Her memorial service was held on July 23 at the Chelsea Retirement Center chapel. If you would like to send notes of condolence, please send them to her sister-in-law, Virginia Ritsema, at 2160 Robinson Road, #3, Jackson, MI 49203. Gifts in her memory can be made to Haisley School Media Center, or to First Presbyterian Church.

PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF FIRST PRES in your prayers as they attend Camp Westminster this week.

YOUTH UPDATE:

Keys Goes to the Movies on Tuesday, August 11! Meet at Showcase Cinemas (4100 Carpenter Rd.) around 4:00 p.m. (exact time to come). We will see *GI Joe: Rise of Cobra* and walk to IHOP for dinner. We will call with pick up time at IHOP. Bring money for movie and dinner (Need help? It's available, just ask.)

Sign up NOW to work at Booth 38, the concession stand at Michigan Stadium. We need ten volunteers per game on September 19, October 24 and November 7 (which is also the Pittsburgh Project weekend). Please sign up to work now to secure funding for future youth mission projects!

Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett, 662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

PUT FAMILY PLAYDATES ON YOUR CALENDAR! Mothers' Morning, our group for moms of young children, is sponsoring a summer of Family Playdates on Tuesdays for moms, dads, families and children of all ages. All you need to do is show up! For details or to be added to the group email list, contact Carolyn

Gehrke (572-5832, cell 262-1163, gehrkecj@hotmail.com) or Nancy Meyers, 734-718-9133 cell, nmeyers@comcast.net). A group email will be sent by 9:00 p.m. the night before regarding any changes due to predicted weather (indoor activity may be substituted). **The next scheduled playdate is August 4.** We will visit Veterans Memorial Park and Pool, 2150 Jackson Road, from 1:00 to 4:45 p.m. Bring snacks, bathing suits, and towels.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE:

Are you sick, hospitalized, or entering a care facility? Please remember that our pastoral staff takes vacation and study leave during the summer, so visits to the hospital and rehabilitation center may be made less regularly by our pastoral staff. Please remember to let the church office know if you are hospitalized or ill and would welcome the visit of one of our pastors or deacons.

We are seeking Sunday morning volunteers to sit in the church office during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship hours. It is helpful to have the church office open and tended during these times when visitors are arriving and church members are in and out, signing up for events and using the staff mail slots. A brief training will be given to those with interest and a willingness to be welcoming. We are developing a database of volunteers who would be called on a few times per year to serve in this way. If you are willing, send your name and email (or phone number) to our staff at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or leave a message at 663-4466, ext. 12.

If you'd prefer to greet people at the Welcome Center during the times before and after worship, let us know that, too. Thanks for considering this much-needed act of hospitality and ministry.

PRAYING THE PSALMS prayer group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. Members and visitors are welcome to join at any time.

Calendar for August 3 - August 8

MONDAY:

New Lilly Residents Sarah Wiles and Matt Nickel Begin

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room

Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room

Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room

WEDNESDAY:

Philippines Task Force, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),

5:30 (meal), Delonis Center

Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room

TnT, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

First Pres Children and Youth Return from Camp Westminster



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*