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August 30, 2009

PREACHING today is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

PARTICIPATING in the worship service are the Reverend Julie Marks and Resident Minister Sarah Wiles.

THE PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE READER is Jan Stevens.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST is Linda Speck, viola.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

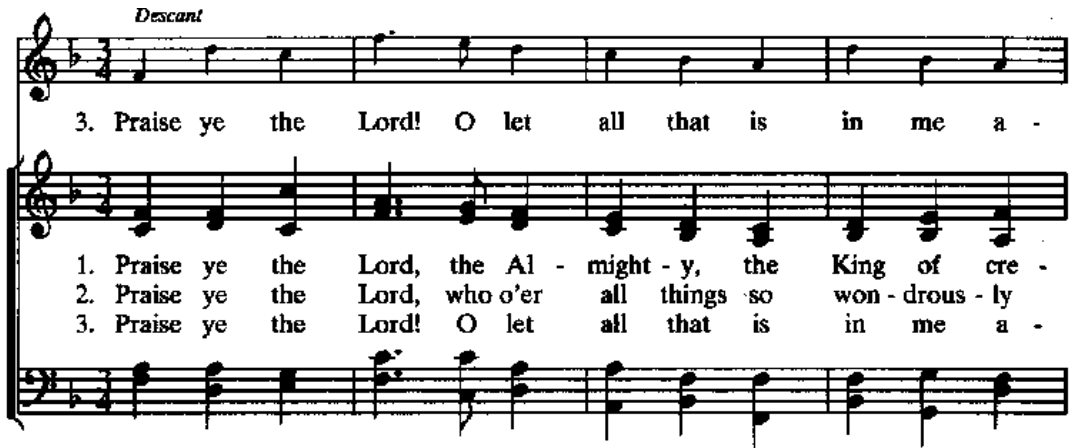
MINUTE FOR MISSION God's Work in Campus Ministry

Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministries, and Scott Ellis and Erin Wilson, Campus Interns

HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

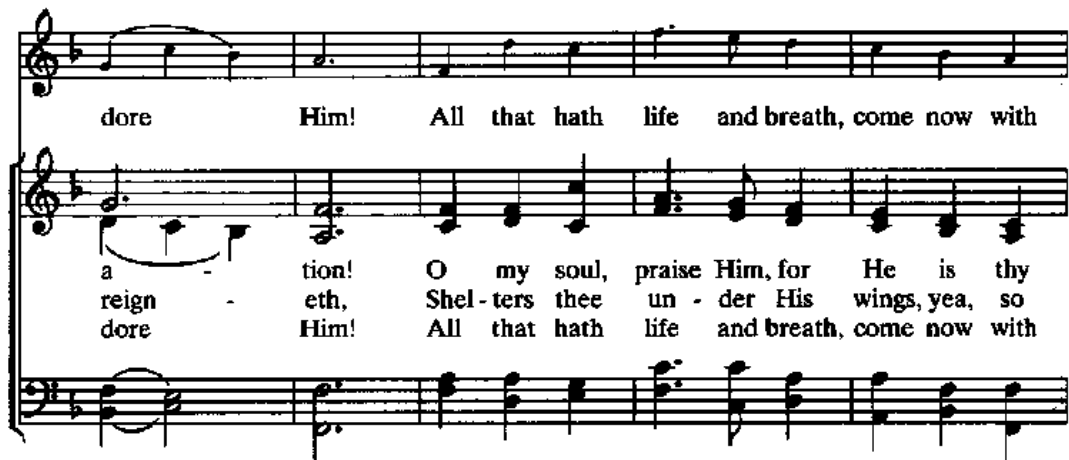
Lobe Den Herren

Descant



3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

CALL TO CONFESSION
 SILENT CONFESSION

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

James 1:17-27 (N.T., p. 229)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God *Grand Isle*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses.

Chord symbols: C, Am, G, C, Am, C, G, C, G, Am, Em, F, G7, C, G, D7, G, C.

1. I sing a song of the saints of God, Pa - tient and
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And God's love
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun - dreds of

brave and true, Who toiled and fought and lived and died
made them strong; And they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake,
thou - sands still; The world is bright with the joy - ous saints

For the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
The whole of their good lives long. And one was a
Who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

F Dm G C Am
 doc - tor, and one was a queen, And one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in

 F G7 C Am Em
 on the green: They were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; For the saints of God are just

 F G7 C Am F Dm C G7 C
 God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, Why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

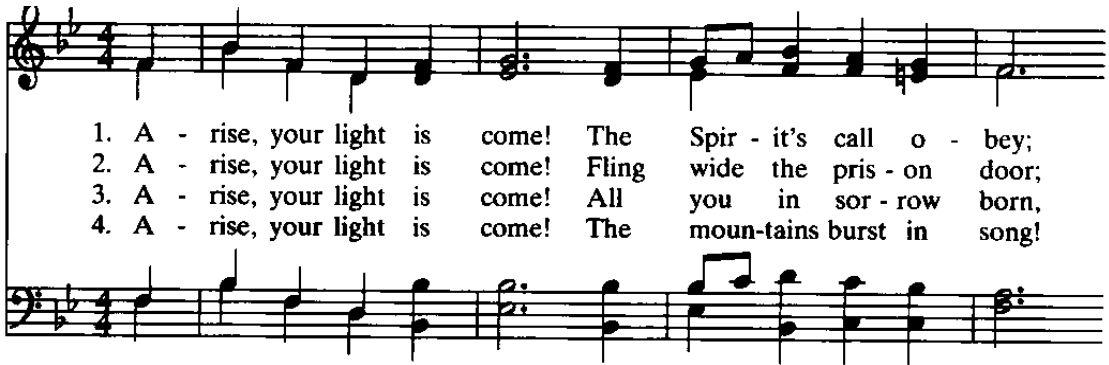
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

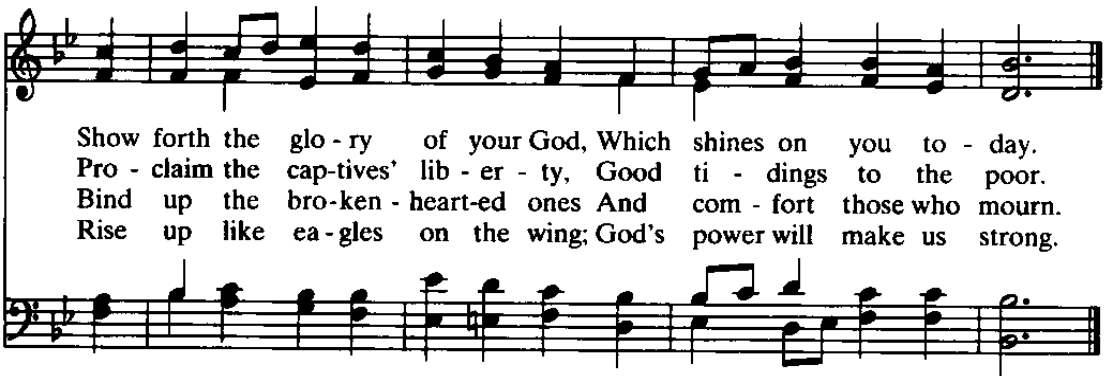
WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING HYMN 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come

Festal Song



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION

LAST POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH: Join us in the Social Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the last Potluck Deluxe of the summer. As usual, a main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish if you like. This week is sponsored by Abide. Come on down for some good conversation and good food! We would like to thank all of the groups that have sponsored Potluck Deluxe throughout the summer. With your contributions to the food and conversation, Potluck has been a huge success!

Announcements

THE CHOIR PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3 has been cancelled.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR PURSES! While we view ourselves as open, hospitable and welcoming, keep in mind that First Pres is a public building. Please do not leave purses or other valuables unattended or unsecured when at church for worship, meetings, or events.

MATURE MINISTRIES VISIONING RETREAT: For our members over 60, our church tries to offer a wide variety of programs and ministry opportunities. For these “mature members,” we are in a key planning phase for new organization and implementation of these programs. The Mature Ministries Visioning and Planning Retreat will be held in the Social Hall, September 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Programs for our mature members will be considered, and new programs explored. Those who participate will have an immediate opportunity to have input into the programs and ministries offered. All adult members are welcome to share their ideas and insights. Contact Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), to sign up or for more information. See the August *First Press* for a more detailed description of the group, and this event. Lunch will be provided.

COME TO THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Our time with the children in worship on Sunday, September 6, will feature a “Blessing of the Backpacks.” School’s beginning is just around the corner, and Interim Pastor Larry Farris asks that all children and middle school youth of the congregation bring their school backpacks with them to worship at either the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service to get those backpacks blessed. Don’t be shy. Don’t be embarrassed. This is a special moment to remember that Jesus is with us wherever we go and whatever we do, even school! And it is a time for our congregation to ask God’s blessing upon our children and youth as the school year begins. School is exciting and challenging, and we need all the help we can get. Try it! You’ll like it! Bring your backpack to church and get it blessed, and you’ll get blessed, too.

Children and youth who are not able to be in worship on September 6 will be able to pick up the sign of that blessing (it’s a surprise!) as well as a short litany to use with their parents so that their backpacks may also be blessed. This opportunity will continue throughout the month of September. Please see Deborah MacVey, Director of Children’s Education and Family Ministries, to pick up the materials. We pray that everyone has a great year at school!

HUNGRY FOR GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS? Join us for Saturday Suppers on October 3. Sign up at coffee hour from September 6 to September 27. When you sign up, let us know how many are coming, if you would be interested in being a host home, and if you will have children with you. You will be assigned to a group of 7, 8, or 9 people, some you will know, and some you won’t. On October 3, you’ll meet at a “host” house (the host provides the main dish). Dinner starts around 6:00 p.m. Each family, couple, or individual brings a side, dessert,

or salad. Don't miss out on this lively and enjoyable social event! For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@sbcglobal.net).

PLEASE ATTEND A WELCOME RECEPTION for the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris and his wife Pat on September 6. Come and greet our new Interim Pastor and enjoy a special treat at coffee hour on the terrace (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

CALL FOR COOKIES TO WELCOME UM STUDENTS! On September 10, we will welcome new students to the university and invite them to get involved with Campus Ministry at UM's annual Festifall. We would like to bring a taste of home to these students by delivering cookies to their dorm rooms, and we need your help! Please make as many cookies (nut-free, please) as you like, and package them by placing them in small sandwich bags, three cookies per bag. Deliver them to the Founders Room kitchen on Wednesday, September 9. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at 662-4466, ext. 14, or jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org.

RAISING OR MINISTERING TO TEENS OR COLLEGE STUDENTS? On Friday, September 11, Campus Ministry and the Youth Education and Ministries Committee will sponsor a seminar entitled "HURT: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers," presented by Chap Clark, Ph.D., at First Presbyterian Church in Monteith Hall, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. Dr. Clark is a Vice Provost and Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also the founder of ParenTeen, an organization that provides seminars designed to equip parents to understand and nurture their children in a constantly changing cultural environment, and help them develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy throughout the teen years and beyond. Pre-registration is required. Call the Church Office at 662-4466 to make your reservation.

COME TO THE ABIDE ACTIVITY FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 13! If you want to find out more about getting involved at First Pres, this is the event to attend. Tables will be set up outside (weather permitting) or in the Social Hall (weather not permitting) and manned by representatives from church committees, groups, and programs. Stroll through the exhibits, ask questions, meet people, sign up for volunteer opportunities, just don't miss out!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S NEXT HOST WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE, Washtenaw County's family shelter located on Jackson Road, is September 14-20. Please save the date! The Alpha House committee needs volunteers to sign up for evening or weekend babysitting, meal making and overnight stays. Look for our sign-up poster in the Social Hall or Welcome Center, or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl (nanspan@gmail.com, 741-1814) or Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com, 998-0152).

MOTHERS' MORNING CORRECTION: The first fall meeting for Mothers' Morning will be Tuesday, September 15, in the Youth Room. (The group generally meets the second Tuesday of each month, but we are moving to the third Tuesday in September in consideration of the first day of school.) Child check-in begins at 9:00 a.m., and our "Getting to Know You" program will meet from 9:30 to 11:30. New members are welcome! Come enjoy fellowship, breakfast treats, and a fun mixer to get to know one another a little better. Cost for the semester is just \$10, or \$3 per individual meeting. For more information, contact Carolyn Gehrke at 572-5832 , gehrkecj@hotmail.com, or Nancy Meyers at 677-7763, nmeyers@comcast.net.

GET INVOLVED WITH TNT! Those in their twenties and thirties are invited to get together for a variety of activities. A study of the Book of Ephesians begins Wednesday, September 16, at 7:15 p.m., in the Vance Room. This week-to-week study doesn't require any preparation beforehand or previous exposure to Ephesians. Also, help fundraise for our church's youth program by volunteering at the Booth 38 concession stand on Saturday, September 19, when the U of M football team takes on Eastern Michigan University at noon. It's a lot of fun, and a great way to meet new people. Want to find out more? Contact Marc Buchanan at mdbuchanan75@gmail.com.

OUR FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 13: Here are some start-up dates to keep in mind.

Sunday, September 13

Worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m., and 5:45 p.m.
Abide Activity Fair, 8:30 a.m., Church Grounds or Social Hall
Children's Sunday school classes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday school classes, 9:30 a.m.
First Couples, 9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Classes, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Orchestra Rehearsals, 4:00 p.m.
KEYS vs Parents, 6:00 p.m.
Campus Sunday Evening Meal, 6:45 p.m.

Monday, September 14

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

ESL, 1:00 p.m. (note time change from listing in August newsletter)
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

MIDS, 5:00 p.m.
Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m.
Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

University Sunday (All Services)
KEYS, 6:00 p.m.

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 31 - September 5

MONDAY:

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stewardship and Endowment Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

UM vs Western MI, Home Game, Visit Booth 38!
Sunday Office Volunteer Training, 8:45 a.m., Church Office
Communion Set-Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*