



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 2, 2015
FAMILY WORSHIP

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my strength and my might.

All: God has become my salvation.

One: I will sing God's praise.

**All: God alone is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,
and generous in giving us wondrous blessings.**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

Refrain

**Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and truth, God of all things great and small, we gather to worship you, aware of many ways we fall short of your hopes for us. We focus on what we want rather than rejoicing in all that we have. We see differences as divisive rather than as beautiful parts of your plan. We are quick to jump to conclusions and slow to consider the far-reaching ramifications of our actions. Help us acknowledge our deep need of your forgiveness and to accept your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dave Nerenz

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:1-5, 15-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 14:7-9

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the death of Jesus Christ,

God's way in the world seemed finally defeated.

But death was no match for God.

The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.

**Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living,
that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing.**

We do not yet see the end of death.

But Christ has been raised from the dead,

transformed and yet the same person.

In his resurrection is the promise of our own.

We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us
is stronger than the death that destroys us.
The glory of that life exceeds our imagination
but we know that we shall be with Christ.
So we treat death as a broken power.
Its ultimate defeat is certain.
In the face of death we grieve,
yet in hope we celebrate life.
No life ends so tragically
that its meaning and value are destroyed.
Nothing, not even death, can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Monnett

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

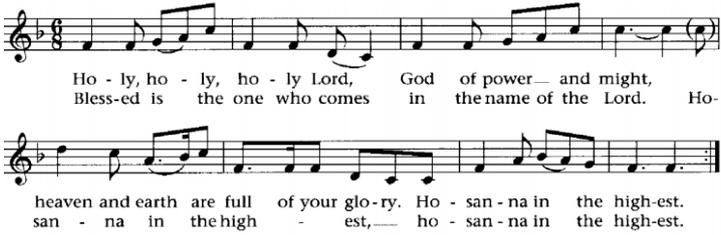
All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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; and 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

Communion of the People

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Prayer After Communion



Sending



* HYMN

I'll Fly Away

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away. Refrain**

Refrain

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away (in the morning.)
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. Refrain**

**Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.**

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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* **POSTLUDE**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Carolyn Schultz and Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Mohrlock. **Greeters** are Amanda and Ben Carlisle. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Angela Yang, Nicole Jolliet, and Lee Roberts. **Outdoor worship set-up** is coordinated by T2A2.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary after the service. Prayer team members are Nancy Oliver and Ginny Rezmierski. "For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God." - Saint Teresa of Avila

Musical leadership is provided by Josiah Panning, Luke Panning, Kyle Rhodes, and an ensemble from the Chancel Choir.

Today's sermon draws upon *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.

The chancel flowers are given in honor of our sound booth volunteers, who work hard each week on both the radio broadcast and the sound in worship.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Barb Carlisle, Carole Hendrickson, Kathy Wirstrom, and Marge Higley. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available for preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Communion Sunday. Outdoor worship is a time to enjoy our more relaxed setting, so communion will be taken by intinction. If you are seated on the center sidewalk, ushers will help direct you down the left aisle/edge of the sidewalk to the closest station. Please return using the right aisle/edge of the sidewalk. Those on the lawn will be directed to one of two stations on the outer edges of the lawn. A roamer is available for

those who want/need to remain seated. **Communion Food Offering** is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Food donations and financial contributions are for Detroit Hunger Ministry.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Pkwy. All are welcome.

Mature Ministries will travel to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn on Thursday, September 24. Lunch at Habib's Cuisine down the street from the museum will follow. We will leave First Pres at 8:45 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m. The cost for the museum is covered - all you have to do is pay for your own lunch! Carpools will be arranged. Sign up in the Church Office or by emailing Rev. Rogers.

Chancel Choir invites new singers, from high-school age through adult, to join. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and singers choose whether to sing for the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. They are beginning work on Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, a new work for choir, soloists and chamber orchestra to be presented on All Saints' Sunday afternoon, November 1, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please contact Tom Granum.

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