

**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

9:00 "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. Shackley*

10:30 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *arr. Ron Mallory*

~Jubilate Bells

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In this time of worship, may we have eyes to see as God sees.

All: May we see each other as God sees us.

One: May we see the world as God sees it:

All: Beautiful. Broken. Blessed. Being filled with grace.

One: In this time of worship, and in our daily living,

All: may we trust God's vision above our own and notice the blinding light of the Spirit breaking into the world around us.

***HYMN #91**

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit, and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord God, in the light of your glory, we realize what we have done: the places we have gone against your will, the times we have caused suffering instead of calming it, the good we have refused, and the truth we have avoided. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow in your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: With the Spirit's help, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off your sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As Easter people, we share the peace we know in Christ. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rise Against Hunger

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight that in these words of scripture, song, and preaching, we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 30”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hyfrydol*, #153 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***“Sing to God, that all may hear you! God, whose arms can lift and save;
By Thy healing touch, revive us, life restore beyond the grave.
Praise we now our sure salvation, God, the Holy One above,
End the night so dimmed by anguish, with the sunrise of Thy love.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 30 ©1999, Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20

Pew Bible, NT pg. 132

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”

Christopher Tye

~Chancel Choir

“O Come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name.; from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercy's known: ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.”

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SERMON

“The Voice of Ananias: I Can See Clearly Now”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O God, Have Mercy” (St. Paul)

Felix Mendelssohn

~Noah Rogers

“O God, have mercy, have mercy on me, forgive my sins and cleanse me according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake. Forsake me not, and cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Here a broken heart, and a contrite heart now I offer before Thee.”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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 to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: This is the day that you have made, God, when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing:
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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven 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.

One: You are holy. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here. We close our prayer in the words of Jesus:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

The bread and cup are offered in a basket at the entrance to the service for each worshipper to bring with them to their seat. When invited by the pastor, please open the top film of packaging to eat the bread; then open the second film for the cup. We enjoy the meal together as a sign of our unity in Christ. A gluten free option is available. Please place trash in the bins are located near the exits or in the narthex.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Christ, you were known to your friends in the breaking of the bread. Let your image and voice become clearer still to us, as we reflect on this meal and abide in your love. Send us out as people who have seen you before us and who see the world the way you do. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #581

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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*BENEDICTION

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The congregation voted to authorize the sale of the Hendrie Blvd. parking lot at the special congregational meeting held on April 10, 2022. This authorization allows the church to move forward with efforts to sell the property to one or more builders or developers to build one or two new homes on that land.

Approval to move forward with a sale must also be obtained from the Detroit Presbytery. Our proposal will be presented to the Presbytery's Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 3, 2022, and if approved, will be presented to the full Presbytery on May 24, 2022. The land will be actively marketed once Presbytery gives its approval.

Information was offered at the congregational meeting about an offer received from a local builder. Unfortunately, that builder decided to back away from that deal. However, we remain optimistic about the ultimate prospects of a sale that will provide substantial benefits to the church.

Kevin Ball, Derek Helenberger, and Keith Weber—members of the task force overseeing the sale of the Hendrie parking lot—will be available in the church parlor **today, May 1, after the 10:30 service** to answer questions about selling the parking lot.

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of James Barta from Liz, John, and Alex.

Flower Dedications

Make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor, or remember friends and family. There are still some slots available. Sign up on the Flower Dedication chart in the hallway, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you.

Spring Grounds Clean-Up • Saturday, May 7

Join us **9 am to 12 noon** as we ready the church grounds for the season. *Rain date: May 14.*

Senior Sunday is May 15

FPCRO will honor those graduating from high school during worship on **May 15**. Seniors will use their gifts to lead us in worship on this special day.

Caring for Creation Book Discussion • Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

Join us to discuss the best-seller *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. After our April focus on caring for creation, this discussion is the next step to take care of God's good world. Member Luke DeVantier will moderate. **Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647098066>**

Meeting ID: 886 4709 8066

60 Volunteers Needed for Rise Against Hunger on May 22

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, we will package an extraordinary number of meals that will be sent around the world. Use this link to sign up so that a space is reserved for you!

<https://tinyurl.com/2p94mzd9>

Mission Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch at Starr Presbyterian Church for South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless **May 24**. Questions? Contact Helen Dusenbury

hdusenbury@gmail.com or 248-417-3044.

Opportunities with our Neighbor Churches

- **Handbell Ensemble of Royal Oak (HERO) Concert:** Join in an evening of fun and beautiful music on **Monday, May 9, 7:30-8:30 pm at Greenfield Presbyterian**. A free-will offering will benefit HERO & Ukrainian relief efforts. For more information contact Melanie Barash **melanie.barash@gmail.com**.
- **Men's Retreat:** Greenfield Presbyterian men's group invites the men of Cana, Drayton, and FPCRO to the 11th Annual Men's Retreat on **May 20-May 21**, at Howell Nature Center. The cost is \$75 and full and partial scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Terry Barash **tzbarash@gmail.com**. RSVP online: **<https://tinyurl.com/3sz7c9vu>**
View details and FAQs: **<https://www.greenfieldchurch.com/events/mens-retreat>**