

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

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Service of Peace and Justice



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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

We hope you sense an authentic community here! This church is *not* for people who have everything about their faith figured out. It's not for people whose lives are neat and tidy. *This is a community gathered in Christ.* Together, we are seeking a world made whole. The Holy Spirit draws us together with our doubts, struggles, *and* our celebrations. God is at work transforming us and showing us glimpses of Christ's light in the world!

Our worship service follows a traditional format. Our prayers and preaching put the Bible in conversation with practical questions to help us live faithfully in our daily lives. Our community is made up of people who bring different experiences and perspectives. Together, we trust in God's grace and love, which are free gifts to us, no matter what life brings our way. We don't need to earn that love, yet we can always rely on it.

If you are seeking to be comforted, challenged, or to grow in your faith, we would be honored to accompany you on that journey. You are welcome here just as you are.

Rev. Emma Nickel

Pastor

Children Belong Here

There is a place for families and children of all ages here! We believe children who worship with their church family stick with their faith for a lifetime. Choose what works best for your family:

- *Playground* in the back of the sanctuary, where children may do quiet activities, with you nearby to assist, as they absorb the worship service.
- *Pew Pouches* with children's Bibles to help guide children who sit with their family during the worship service. Find these in the back pew.
- *Sunday School: Following the Time with Children*, kids may go with Sunday school leaders to class, which ends at the conclusion of the worship service.
- *Nursery: Childcare* for infants and toddlers during the 10:30am service, with background-checked staff and volunteers.

Finding Your Way

Kirkman Fellowship Hall: Use either staircase in the lobby to go downstairs into the Hall. *Nursery:* Located to the right of the lobby, down the hallway across from the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Elevator:* Down the hall, left past the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Restrooms:* Women's & Men's are at the top of the short stairwells in the lobby; All Gender/Single in the narthex outside the sanctuary; Accessible is at the end of the hallway near the Fireside Room. *Hearing-assist devices:* Ushers near the sanctuary doors are available to assist you.

Interested in Joining?

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, new member gatherings take place several times a year. To get connected, contact Rev. Emma Nickel at enickel@fpcro.org



Giving

Giving online is a fast and easy! Click GIVE at www.fpcro.org to make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts may set up using a debit/credit card, or a PayPal account using the QR code. Cash/checks may be placed in the offering plates by the side aisle doors or in the basket in the narthex entry. Thank you for sharing your gifts with God and the church!





GATHERING

At the ♦ you may stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Today the Music Department at FPCRO draws us toward God's message of peace, which is present throughout the scriptures. The Biblical prophets make clear that there can, in fact, be no real peace when justice is missing. Our worship today invites each of us to renew our commitment to peace and justice in our personal relationships, our interactions in the community, and our prayers for the wider world, relying on the Prince of Peace to lead us.

Prelude

~Jubilate Bells

“Dona Nobis Pacem”
(Grant Us Peace)

Traditional arr. Karen Buckwalter
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Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction¹

Introit

~Chancel Choir Men's Ensemble

“Salaam (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu)”

Mosh Ben Ari arr. Ross Fishman

“Od yavo shalom aleinu v'alkulam. Salaam! Aleinu v'al kol haolam.”

(Peace will come upon us and upon everyone. Peace! Upon us and the whole world.)

Salaam is an anthem for peace written by Israeli musician, Mosh Ben Ari. The use of both Arabic and Hebrew words for peace — Salaam and Shalom — reflect the diverse languages and cultures of the region. At a time when there continues to be violence in the Holy Land, we lean into God's promise of peace with justice. This anthem reflects energy and hope, which mirrors our refusal to give in to despair.

♦Call to Worship²

One: Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem and said: “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!” (Luke 19:42).

All: How we yearn to open our eyes and see how we may make peace in our world.

One: Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” (John 14:27)

All: How we long to receive the peace-giving of God so that we may be peace in our world.

One: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, to the house of the God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah, that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's path.” (Isaiah 2:3).

All: We are willing to learn how to beat swords into plows and spears into pruning hooks and we pray not to learn war anymore.

◇ Hymn #621

“For the Healing of the Nations”

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Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Relying on the graciousness of Christ, we come to God with our honest confessions. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Prayer of Confession³

All: Compassionate One, we open our hearts to you. We acknowledge the places where we have strayed from your peace, where we have started little wars on the home turf, and where we have disrupted the harmony of the larger community. Forgive us for the times we have held our own opinion so rigidly that we could not see another’s perspective; the times we were so overcome with anger that we lashed out with words or gestures; the times we knew the vulnerable spots in another’s life and took advantage of that knowledge for our own benefit; the times, so deeply regretted, when we have broken relationship by intent or carelessness. Trusting in your forgiveness, we begin again to learn the ways of peace.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Our hearts are turned to you, O God.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Peacemaking God, you gather us into your Great Embrace. You love us into becoming loving, peaceful people.

All: With new courage, we receive the gifts of peace and forgiveness to continue the journey. Thanks be to God!

◇ Joyful Response

“Freedom is Coming”

South African

~Chancel Choir

“O freedom, freedom is coming, O yes, I know. O justice, justice is coming. O yes, I know.”

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◇ Passing of the Peace⁴

One: Blessed are the peacemakers.

All: For they shall be called the children of God.

One: Blessed are the peacemakers.

All: For they are doers of the word and not hearers only.

One: Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He invites us to live in that peace, to share it, and to make peace in a world of discord. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reflection

“A Future Not Our Own”

This poem prayer was written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, and later delivered in a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in November of 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. It is often attributed to and goes by the common name, the Romero prayer, even though it was not written by him. Archbishop of San Salvador Oscar Romero was a prophetic preacher, an advocate against injustices in his country, including torture, and a supporter of human rights in his country. Romero was murdered while celebrating mass in a chapel in a cancer hospital where he lived.

Anthem

“Seeds”

Mark Burrows

~Sunburst Singers

“If you want a world of hope, plant hope. If you want a world of hope, grow hope. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of hope, be hope. If you want a world of peace, plant peace. If you want a world of peace, grow peace. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of peace, be peace. If you want a world of joy, plant joy. If you want a world of joy, grow joy. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of joy, be joy. If you want a world of love, plant hope, peace, and joy. If you want a world of love, be love.”

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Time with the Children



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from misunderstanding to clarity. Bring us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. In the hearing of your message, let peace and wisdom fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:14-15; 21-24

Pew Bible, OT pg. 951

Anthem

“Hope Lingers On” *Lissa Schneckeburger arr. Andrea Ramsey*

~Chancel Choir

“My mother, when love is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on, my father, when peace is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on. Refrain: I will not hate, and I will not fear, in our darkest hour, hope lingers here. My sister, when equality’s gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on, my brother, with tolerance gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on. Refrain. My love, when honor is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on, my country, when justice is gone, in our darkest hour hope lingers on. Refrain.”

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Scripture Reading

1 John 4:16-21

Pew Bible, NT pg. 260

Anthem

“May All Living Things Know Peace”

Robert Kyr

~Chancel Choir Women’s Ensemble

“May all living things know peace and cherish the love of each other and always know peace.”

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THANKSGIVING

◊ **Litany**—“God is Praised in Justice,” by Susan Palo Cherwien⁵

One: God is praised in justice.
God is praised in lives that live
divine compassion;
in lives that seek out the god-desire
rather than the human inclination

**All: God is praised in lives that heal and seek,
that rise and care,
that hear and see,
that risk and call.**

One: God is praised in lives that look beyond themselves.
There can be no praise without justice.
Our songs without justice are an annoying noise.

**All: Our hymns without compassion, like the scraping of stones.
For praise to be complete,
Let justice flow
Let justice flow.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Until Love Is Spoken”

Karen Marroli

~Chancel Choir

“Grant us gentleness in power. Grant us strength to face this hour, to forgive, to offer grace, and nurture peace in every place. Grant us hope when all seems dire, Grant us faith to spark a fire, to fiercely burn, to drown the night, and set the world ablaze with light. And when we meet resistance and our call puts us in danger, grant us patience and persistence to stand up for friend and stranger. Grant us courage to be kind. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here. And when our path of justice leads us to the dreadful fight, grant us vigor, and entrust us with the power to do what’s right. Grant us courage to be kind. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here.”

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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

Recognition of Choral Scholars

Prayers of the People in Song and Action⁶

Anthem

“Prayer for Shalom”

Kyle Pederson

~Chancel Choir

“God, we ask you bring shalom, so peace may dwell in every home; heal us all that we may know, the wholeness of your great shalom. To my friends and family, shalom; to the stranger who I see, shalom; to those I’ll never meet, shalom; to all humanity, shalom. We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully yours. Shalom. To my enemy I pray, shalom; to the refugee I pray, shalom; to heal the hurt that tears the soul; hold our hearts and don’t let go. We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully yours. Shalom. God’s peace to you, and grace and truth, a place where you will be made new, I pray shalom to you, my friend. Shalom. God, we ask you bring shalom, so peace may dwell in every home.”

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During the anthem, write your prayer for peace and justice on your slip of paper.

Action—After the anthem while we sing the psalm, you are invited to come forward and place your prayer in the basket. As we depart the service later on, everyone will select a paper out of the basket to take home and hold in prayer throughout the week.

Psalm

“Psalm 85”

Jacques Berthier (Taizé)

The image shows a musical score for the Psalm. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: *p* Do - na no - bis pa - cem.*. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*DAW-nah NAW-bees PAH-chem (Give us peace)

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Please join the choir in singing the repeated refrain as you bring your prayers forward.

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



SENDING

◇ Hymn #615

“Community of Christ”

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◇ Benediction

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When you enter the sanctuary for a service, you consent to the recording and broadcast of your voice and likeness for such purposes without compensation.

Benediction Response

“Roll Down, Justice!”

Mark A. Miller

~Chancel Choir

Upon a cue from the conductor please stand and join the choir in singing the printed Hymn (**on the following page**) which is part of the closing Anthem.

“There’s a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near, “Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!” Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice rolls down! Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed; let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God’s grace, let justice roll down, justice rolls down! REFRAIN: Roll down! Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever-flowing stream, roll down! Let your heart soar, open the doors wide, let your mind be transformed, let it be opened by love. On this glorious day give us courage we pray, that justice rolls down, let justice roll down. Let the vision take flight and God will delight as the waters flow down, justice abounds! REFRAIN.

CONGREGATION: “Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace. Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for sounds of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love! Choir: Roll down! Roll down, justice! Roll, like an ever-flowing stream, roll down!”

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- 6 Adapted from Doug Baker, “Living for a Change-Toward a Culture of Peace,” Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

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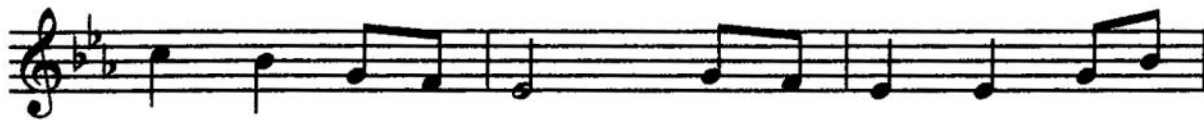
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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

Roll Down, Justice!



Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my



heart to sing your grace. Streams of jus - tice, nev - er



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me _



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by _ flam - ing tongues a -



bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of



God's un - chang - ing love!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Scott Rieck—Happy 26th Anniversary, Candace!

Special thanks to Jenn Muse for providing percussion for several anthems this morning.

After worship, join us in the Backyard Playroom spaces for a short blessing and dedication of the new space, which is up the staircase at the end of the Sunday School hallway. Please welcome members from Cana Lutheran Church who are joining us for the blessing, as they have passed on this ministry to our church. Immediately following, proceed downstairs to Kirkman Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social, hosted by the Nacho Grill Food Truck who rents our kitchen, along with our elders on Session and the Naomi-Ruth Circle.

S.T.A.G.E. End of Year Party

Youth and their families are invited to join us **today** from **4:30-6:30pm** at **FPCRO** for the End of Year Party. Pizza and breadsticks will be provided, but we are asking families to sign-up to bring drinks, desserts, and sides. If you are able to bring a dish please visit **<https://tinyurl.com/dpsp9csm>** and let us know what you are bringing so others can coordinate!

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Group will gather on **Monday, June 10 at 7:30pm** at Bagger Dave's in Berkley. Please join us for a return visit, or your first time, for some free-flowing conversation on a wide range of subjects. Questions? Contact Derek Helenberger or Matthew Nickel.

Detroit Institute of Arts Visit

The State Employees Retirement Association (SERA), who meets at FPCRO, would like to invite any senior church members to join SERA on a free bus trip from FPCRO to the Detroit Institute of Arts on **Thursday, June 20 at 9am**. Questions? Please contact Barbara Weiskopf via email at **oldscout36@gmail.com** or by phone at 248-968-2799.

SnackPax Hands-On Mission Event

After worship on **Sunday, June 23**, join in packing snack bags in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. This event will provide healthy snacks for preschool children during the summer. Please take home some bags today to decorate and return by June 16. **SnackPax** is a program of **Song & Spirit** and provides snacks to area children who are at, or below, the poverty level. Every Monday, Song & Spirit delivers bags to City Covenant Church in Detroit, Crescent Academy in Detroit, as well as two Head Start Programs in Detroit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

Outdoor Worship, Sunday, June 30

Join us on the Hendrie Lawn on **Sunday, June 30 at 10:30am** for a service in the beautiful outdoors (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on. We also recommend a hat and sunscreen. Many members enjoy this more casual service and a time to experience worship in the sunshine. Invite a friend to join you! We also have four beautiful new canopy **tents** to provide shade. **Can you help us set them up before or take them down after the service?** Sign up at the reception desk.

Cereal for Summer

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. FPCRO is again supporting the **Presbytery of Detroit's Cereal for Summer** campaign. Please bring your cereal box donations to the church through **June 30**.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Some of our church members are, for a variety of reasons, no longer able to drive themselves to church. These same church members have a strong desire to attend church services in person on at least a few Sundays each month. The only thing holding them back is transportation. You can make their wish a reality! If you would be able and willing to help, on an occasional basis, to drive a church member to Sunday services, please call Roger Watson at 248-752-0584. If called upon to drive, he will try to match you with someone living close to your home. Thank you for your help with this important church mission.

Job Opening

FPCRO is seeking a **Nursery Coordinator** to care for infants and toddlers during Sunday morning worship services. Please visit <https://www.fpcro.org/jobs> to see the Job Description. Resumes may be sent to Joelle Jarrait at jjarrait@fpcro.org.

Flower Dedications

New Flower Dedication charts for September 2024-August 2025 are now posted, so sign up to honor, remember, or recognize a person or group. The dedications cost \$45, and add nature and beauty to our sanctuary on Sunday morning. You may fill out a dedication card right away and wait until the month before your dedication date to pay. Questions? Contact Chris Klein.



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. Contact the pastor if you are in need.