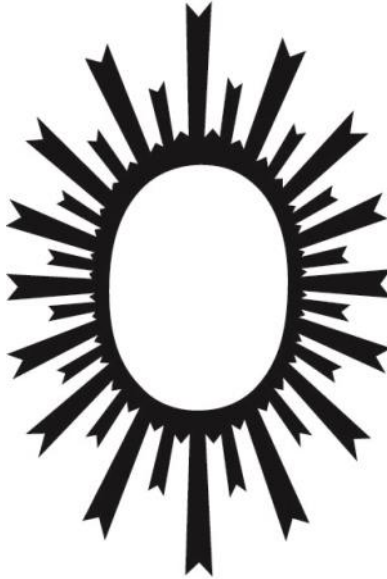


# The Service for the Lord's Day



**May 15, 2022**

Fifth Sunday of Easter • High School Senior Sunday

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## **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“Largo” (Sonata in e minor, Op. 14, No. 5)

*Antonio Vivaldi*

~Megan Hanks

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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Zumi Hagopian*

One: God’s care for us is certain and sure throughout our lives—

**All: from newborn to toddler, elementary to high school, young adult to middle age, retirement to senior citizen.**

One: God never departs from us and accompanies us always.

**All: God helps us discern right paths and goes with us even though our missteps.**

One: In this time of worship, may we sense God’s blessings.

**All: In this time of worship, we give thanks for God’s guidance and love.**

#### **\*HYMN**

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

**see opposite page** →

Text: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909; Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615

### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

*Kavanaugh Helenberger*

One: We find a new way to live when we confess our sin and trust in God’s forgiveness.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Dear Lord, we don’t always get everything right. Too often, we realize after the fact what we should have said or done, and we feel badly. Help us not to wallow in our guilt, which only makes things worse. Help us trust in your forgiveness and healing, which sets us free. Remind us that your love does not depend on our behavior. Your love is given freely out of grace. Set us free to serve and to celebrate your love.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: With trusting hearts, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

# I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

(Psalm 121)



1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from  
2 God will not let your foot be moved; your  
3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your  
4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -



whence shall come my aid? My help is from the  
guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -  
shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by  
vide for all your need. Your go - ing out, your



Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.  
slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.  
day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.  
com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Remember this good news on your good days and especially on your hardest days.

**All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation. 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)**

## **RECOGNITION OF KIRKMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

*Joelle Jarrait*

**(10:30)**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All: Gracious God, when our way feels dark, shine a light so that we can see. When we struggle to hear your wisdom, call out to us. Speak to our hearts now through your scriptures, and even through the voices of one another. This we pray in your name, Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 121

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 633*

Mark 12:41-44

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 50*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*Megan Hanks*

### **ANTHEM**

“Tell Me, Lovely Shepherd”

*William Boyce arr. Poston*

*~Grace Watson*

*“Tell me, lovely shepherd where, tell me where thou feedest at noon thy fleecy care, direct me to the sweet retreat, that guards thee from the mid-day heat. Left by the flocks I lonely stray without a guide and lose my way. Where rest at noon thy bleating care? Gentle shepherd, tell me where.”*

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 813*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Meredith Batcheller*

### **III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Alleluia Round”

*William Boyce*

*~Meredith Batcheller, Megan Hanks, Grace Watson*

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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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Erin Lewand*

**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**

## BLESSING FOR SENIORS

One: Loving God, we pray for your love in the lives of these seniors.

**All: We pray for your joy to bubble up in them.**

One: We pray for your peace to soothe their souls.

**All: We pray for your patience to emerge in their words.**

One: We pray for your kindness to show through their actions.

**All: We pray for your goodness to surround their worries.**

One: We pray for your faithfulness to pervade their relationships.

**All: We pray for your gentleness to show through their spirits.**

One: And we pray for your self-control to be part of their choices.

**All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May these gifts blossom in and through these students, who go on to new adventures, near and far. May we always be a home they can return to. May you always be their guide. May they always remember your love, which never fails. Amen.**

#### **IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

##### **\*HYMN #78**

“God of the Ages, History’s Maker”

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##### **\*BENEDICTION**

**(10:30)**

##### **POSTLUDE**

“Allegro”

William Boyce  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

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Three of today’s musical selections are by composer William Boyce. Boyce (1711-1798) was one of the most significant English composers of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He is primarily noted for his Music for the Church, but composed symphonies and stage music as well.

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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.*

**There will be a Congregational Meeting today, Sunday, May 15 in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 am worship service to elect elders, deacons, and at-large nominating committee members. All members are encouraged to attend.**

**Congregational Meeting, May 15, 2022  
Slate of Nominees for Office at FPCRO**

**Deacons, Class of 2025**

Elsa Jorgensen (returning), Nancy Lambert, Melissa Ross, Roger Watson

**Elders**

Class of 2023: Anne-Marie DeVantier

Class of 2024: Julie Matthews

Class of 2025: Cassie Coates (returning), Suzanne Lewand, Candace Rieck,  
Kevin Schnieders (returning), Keith Weber

Youth Elder, Class of 2023: Lauren Schnieders

**At-Large Nominating Committee, Class of 2024**

Robin Hanks, Carol Hilliard

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**Flower Dedications**

Slots are still available to make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor, or remember friends and family. 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!

**Additional Opportunity with our Neighbor Churches**

Greenfield Presbyterian men's group invites the men of Cana, Drayton, and FPCRO to the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat on May 20-May 21**, at Howell Nature Center.

The cost is \$75. Full and partial scholarships available.

Questions? Contact Terry Barash [tzbarash@gmail.com](mailto:tzbarash@gmail.com).

**RSVP online:** <https://tinyurl.com/3sz7c9vu>

**View details and FAQs:** <https://www.greenfieldchurch.com/events/mens-retreat>

**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

On the second Sunday of each month through August, Coffee Hour Fellowship after the 10:30 service will resume. Upcoming dates are **June 12, July 10, and August 14**. Volunteers and donations of goodies are always welcome. Contact Candace Rieck at [4ccriek@gmail.com](mailto:4ccriek@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Nancy & Raymond Denne  
in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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### **Take the Motakhasiv Family Grocery Shopping or Help with Childcare**

We need the congregation's help to schedule drivers for grocery store and food pantry visits for our Afghan refugee family, and to help with child care for the remaining children while parents shop. Visit the Signup Genius and select a time to help: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhasfdp> In agreement with our church policy, individuals spending time with the children will need to have a background check on file at the church. Contact Joelle Jarrait to complete this simple step. Questions? Contact Ted DeVantier, Benny Rediers, or call the church office.

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### **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. Member Luke DeVantier will moderate.

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647098066>

**Meeting ID: 886 4709 8066**

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### **Black Composer Sunday • May 22**

A worship service celebrating spirituals and African American composers. Chancel choir anthems, solos, scripture and readings will help us attend to the history of the songs and the experience of slaves and black Americans who created this powerful music of faith. We are grateful to borrow this musical tradition and learn about the ways we are implicated in it. A special offering will be collected for Our Own Thing Instructional Program in Ypsilanti, which provides free music instruction and instruments to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Learn more at <https://ourownthing.org/>

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### **A Few More 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> Lunch will be served before we begin packing.

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### **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](mailto:hdusenbury@gmail.com) or 248-417-3044.

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### **Save the Date • Senior Vocal Recital**

The Watson family invites you to enjoy an afternoon of free music in the sanctuary on **Sunday, June 5 at 2 pm**, with Grace Watson, accompanied by Joseph Jackson.