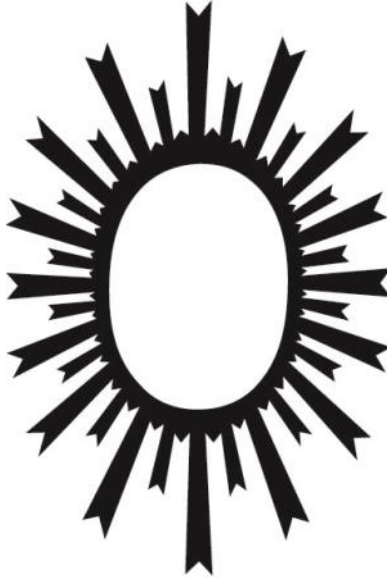


# The Service for the Lord's Day



**May 29, 2022**

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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 after the Time with Children.*

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

#### **PRELUDE**

“Pastorale” (Sonata No. 1)

*Alexandre Guilmant*  
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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: God opens our prison doors and releases us.

**All: God is near to us when we sing and praise.**

One: God visits whole households with love and blessing.

**All: God promises freedom from sin and evil.**

One: God invites us into a new kind of life, marked by the shining light of Christ.

**All: Through our worship, may we believe and trust in the Lord Jesus.**

#### **\*HYMN #113**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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

One: Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and ask God's mercy to renew our lives. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Forgive us, Lord, when our pocketbooks get in the way of your justice. Let our hearts melt like the candles we light in your name. Absolve us from closing our eyes to the pain around us. Help us to see and to name all the things that bind us and one another. Strengthen us to stand with the oppressed even though we might already be free. Open our hearts and our minds to press toward freedom for all in this life and for the freedom promised in your realm.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In the name of Christ, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let your hearts be still. God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the forgiveness and mercy of Christ.

**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 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.*

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All: Living God, you sent your Spirit to offer freedom and to bring people to faith. May the words we hear today free us from our own misconceptions and help to strengthen our faith. This we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

#### **PSALM**

“Psalm 46”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Regent Square*, #189 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

***“God, our strength and mighty fortress, God, our refuge in distress;  
God, whose promise is deliv’rance, God, whose law is righteousness;  
Though the earth with fear may tremble, none can shake Thy faithfulness.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 46: ©1999 Michael Morgan “Psalter for Christian Worship,” Witherspoon Press

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 16:16-34

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 142*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

~Chancel Choir

*“With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.”*

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**SERMON**

“The Voice of the Jailer”

Rev. Emma Nickel

**III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

“Be Still, and Know That I am God”

Olive Dungan

~Audrey Frieberg

*“Be Still, and know that I am God. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Come, behold the works of the Lord! He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear insunder; he burneth the chariot in fire. Be still, and know that I am God.”*

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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**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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**

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

**\*HYMN #478**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Marche Héroïque”

*A. Herbert Brewer*

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

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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.*

## **Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness**

We are excited for our upcoming Compassion Camp this summer on Sundays, **July 10 through August 28**. Children will begin in worship and then move to our “Campsite” for the hour. Together, we will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world! Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves and others. The practice begins with focusing on self-compassion because once we have compassion for ourselves, we can have compassion for others.

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## **Volunteers Needed for “Compassion Camp”**

We are looking for volunteers to help guide our little ones through the activities. Whether you can help every Sunday or just specific dates, we would love to have you. Please contact Joelle Jarrait to sign up to help.

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## **Still Need Your Help with the Motakhasiv Family this Summer**

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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## **Operation Paperback**

We continue to seek paperback books in good condition. There is a need for adventure, mystery, and non-fiction appropriate for our armed service personnel overseas and stateside. (Please, no romance or risqué titles.) Books may be dropped off in the Steen Library at church. Questions? Contact Adair Calder, 248-835-0070.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given today by the Albert Steger and Peter Klein Families in honor of, and in memory of, those who protect our country.

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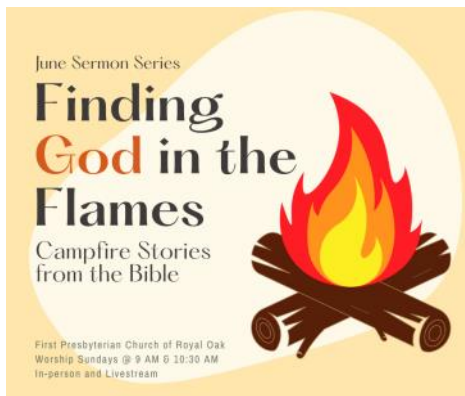
### **Cereal for Summer!**

During the **month of June**, as part of our mission to be a Matthew 25 Church, FPCRO is supporting the Seventh Annual Cereal for Summer Campaign of the Presbytery of Detroit to help feed hungry children in the presbytery. Starting next Sunday, look for collection bins at the church.

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### **June Worship Series & Pentecost Celebration**

Join us on **June 5** to celebrate Pentecost and the tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit. On the following Sundays, through July 3, we'll visit other times when God's presence came near



through fire including Moses and the burning bush and the charcoal fire where the disciples met the risen Jesus on the beach. Check out the campfire scenes in worship and enjoy the beautiful new banner that Ginny O'Brien created for this series and the Pentecost season. **Join us after the 10:30 am worship service for fellowship and activities on the church lawn.** It will be a time to experience different languages and cultures as we will be joined by our refugee family from Afghanistan. There is something for all ages so come and celebrate with us!

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### **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.

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### **Outdoor Movie Nights!**

Mark your calendar for our monthly outdoor movie nights throughout the summer, each beginning at 7:30 pm on the Hendrie Lawn, weather permitting. We're grateful to Sean and Cassie Coates for hosting these fun events. Bring your lawn chair and a friend!

**June 10 at 7:30 pm • Encanto**

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### **Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Join us on **Sunday, June 12** after the 10:30 am service for a special coffee hour to roast your own marshmallows at the campfire to make a s'more!