

The Service for the Lord's Day



May 8, 2022

Fourth 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

“Trio in F Major”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We live out our days in the sight of God.

All: We seek to serve and praise the Lord, without fear.

One: The powers of this world, no matter how alarming, are no match for God.

All: The God of love is always among us, leading us into a new kind of life.

One: And so we joyfully offer our lives in worship and good works,

All: celebrating God’s gifts as we serve.

***HYMN #72**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray.

Therefore, in humility and faith, we confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, you restore us to life where it felt like there was none. Lift the burdens that weigh us down, especially the things we have done and the things we have left undone that caused sorrow or hurt. Forgive us for hanging on to the pain instead of reaching for your mercy. Help us to feel the assurance of your grace, so that we may also share that forgiveness widely.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us. Therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(10:30)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE and PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS and CONGREGATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

One: Friends, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you so promise, please say, 'I will with God's help.'

All: I will, with God's help.

***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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM OF EVELYN LOIS CALOGERO

PRAYER OF BLESSING

WELCOME

One: Evelyn has been received into the universal church and into God's family through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she has become a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ!

CHORAL RESPONSE "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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During the song, the elder will light the baptismal candle on the table signifying the light of Christ in the child's life. The family will take the candle home and light it each year on Evelyn's baptismal anniversary.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Good Shepherd, you call us together around your sacred story. Open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of your Spirit we might live evermore deeply in and with you. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 23

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Crimond*, Hymn #86, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" vs. 1 & 2

***"The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake."***

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

Pew Bible, NT pg. 133

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

Philip Ledger

~Chancel Choir

"Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, keep Thy lamb, in safety keep; nothing can Thy power withstand, none can pluck me from Thy hand. I would praise Thee every day, gladly all Thy will obey, like Thy blessed ones above happy in Thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where Thou ledest I would go, walking in Thy steps below", till before my Father's throne I shall know, as I am known."

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SERMON

"The Voice of one of the Widows:
What Tabitha Taught Me"

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"God Is My Shepherd"

Antonin Dvořák

~Dawson Trotman

"God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me."

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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

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 #434

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”

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*BENEDICTION

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune on *Kingsfold*”

Franklin Ashdown

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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 on 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.

Additional 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>

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Liz Patterson in loving memory of her husband, Jerry.

Coffee Hour Fellowship Returns!

On the second Sunday of each month through August, Coffee Hour Fellowship after the 10:30 service will resume. The dates are **May 8, June 12, July 10, and August 14**. Volunteers and donations of goodies are always welcome. Contact Candace Rieck at **4ccrieck@gmail.com**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Member Luke DeVantier will moderate.

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

Meeting ID: 886 4709 8066

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/>

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.

Save the Date • Senior Vocal Recital

On **Sunday, June 5 at 2 pm**, enjoy an afternoon of free music in the sanctuary with our own Grace Watson, accompanied by Joseph Jackson, Director of Music Ministry.