

## The Service for the Lord's Day



**April 23, 2023**

Third 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. Today is a Family Sunday. Children will stay in the sanctuary for worship.*

Today the *Almost Sacraments* worship series begins. The series will explore everyday ways we experience signs of God's grace in our lives. Through exercise, food, service, friendship, and music, God's grace and love are powerfully present to us, much as they are in the sacraments of baptism and communion. In these "almost sacraments," we can encounter the presence of God in experiential ways in which Jesus also took part.

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

### **PRELUDE**

**9:00:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*arr. Fred Bock*

**10:30:** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

*arr. Keith Kolander*

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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP — A *Movement Prayer***<sup>1</sup>

*After the introduction, the congregation is invited to do the action described. The Pastor will read the lines marked "one" while everyone engages in the action. We'll practice once, and pray twice.*

**Action:** AWAIT (hands at waist, cupped up to receive)

*One: Await God's presence, not as you expect, hope, or imagine, but just as it is in this moment.*

**Action:** ALLOW (reach up, hands open)

*One: Allow a sense of God's presence (or not) to come and be what it is, without meeting your expectations.*

**Action:** ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body)

*One: Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you are not in charge. Accept the infinity of God's presence, present whether or not you are aware.*

**Action:** ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive)

*One: Attend to what you are called to, actions that God invites you to from this stance of openness.*

#### **\*HYMN #306**

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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

*One: God is our rock and our shelter, who protects us from danger and saves us from death. In confidence and faith in God's mercy, let us confess our missteps that we may receive grace. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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

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

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Gracious God, you point us toward new life, but we choose to wander on our own paths. You breathe your Spirit upon us, yet we waste our breath on gossip and complaint. You give us energy for service, but we often spend it in ways that don't count for much. Forgive us for walking away from you. Forgive us for not noticing that you always walk with us. Shine your light on our path, that we may live faithfully and joyfully for you.

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Hear the prayers of our hearts,

**All: Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.  
Rejoice in the good news:

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## **\*JOYFUL RESPONSE**

“Alleluia No. 1”

***“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name!”***

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## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: When Jesus walks with us, our hearts may burn within us—on fire with his love and peace. Today, whether seated or standing, moving quickly or standing still, may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**(10:30)**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**(10:30)**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Choral Scholars

*Suzanne Lewand & Cassie Coates*

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. You set their hearts ablaze as they walked with you. By the power of your Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

## PSALM

“Psalm 116”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hamburg*, #261 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
**“I love the Lord, who heard my voice, and answered my most earnest plea;  
When snares of death my life would take, E’en then, O God, I call on Thee.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 116 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-25

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 92*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30)**

## ANTHEM

“Stay with Us”

*Egil Hovland*

~Chancel Choir

*“Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world’s true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening, and night is falling.”*

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## SERMON

“Walking with Christ”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**(10:30)**

## ALMOST SACRAMENTS REFLECTION

*Linda Willemssen*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“My Heart Ever Faithful”

*J.S. Bach*

~Audrey Frieberg

*“My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near! Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is 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

## \*LITANY

One: Jesus walked among us. That is the good news of the incarnation.

**All: From the very beginning, God always intended to walk among us.**

**In the Garden, God walked along at the time of the evening breeze.**

**In the earliest days of Israel, God said, “I will walk among you, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people.”**

One: When Jesus came, he walked on foot as he went about teaching, preaching, and healing.

**All: He walked by the sea along with his disciples. He walked into ‘foreign’ territory to proclaim God’s love for all. He walked to Jerusalem and then to the cross.**

One: In our walk of faith and in our everyday walking, we encounter the risen Christ.

**All: When we walk through the darkest valley, God is there.**

**When we keep the commandments, we walk in Christ’s ways.**

**In this Easter season, we recommit ourselves to walk in the name of the Lord our God.**

## 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 (next page over)

“Day of Arising”

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### \*BENEDICTION — *A Blessing in Movement*

AWAIT (hands at waist, cupped up to receive)

ALLOW (reach up, hands open)

ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body)

ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive)

(10:30)

### POSTLUDE

“Good Christians All Rejoice”

*arr. Healey Willan*

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

1 Adapted from Grace Ji-Sun Kim, “Body Prayer for Every Day,” Spirituality + Health, February 8, 2021, <https://www.spiritualityhealth.com/articles/2021/02/08/body-prayer-for-every-day>

# Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus)

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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

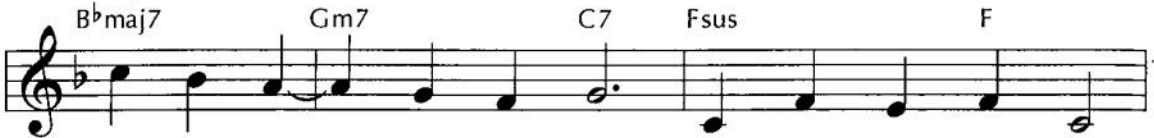
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pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,  
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,  
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,  
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

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(E)

(Amaj7)

(B7)

(E)



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.  
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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## Schedule for S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

**April 30:** Meeting at First Pres Birmingham from 4:30-6:30pm with dinner. **May 7:** Activity/meeting TBD—we will meet! **May 14:** No meeting, Happy Mother's Day! **Saturday, May 20:** Flower sale set-up & distribution at Greenfield Pres **May 21** **May 28:** No meetings, rest up after the Flower Sale & enjoy Memorial Day weekend

### Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage>

### Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1>

Last week's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** were given by Dave Nelson in memory of Tillie Nelson. (*Apologies for the omission from last Sunday's bulletin.*)

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Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by the FPCRO Congregation and are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of our talented organist and Director of Music Ministry, Joseph Jackson. We are very grateful for the glorious music and many creative presentations enriching our worship.

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### **Returning Outside Group Rental – Use Chapel & Hendrie Doors Today**

**Sportsman's Dog Training Club** will be hosting an AKC Scent Work Trial at FPCRO **today**.

They will be using our entire building for scent trials, except the worship wing starting at the reception desk and extending through the sanctuary and the nursery. **During their rental we ask that you please:** 1) Enter the building through the Chapel or Hendrie doors. We will have the sandwich board signs out as reminders. 2) Remain in this section of the building as much as possible. The rest rooms will be open. If you are able, please use the ones at the top of the stairs in the CE Lobby. 3) The dogs are being timed, please don't interact with them in any way.

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### **Feeling Seen Book Study**

Join Melissa Ross for a book discussion series on **Feeling Seen: Reconnecting in a Disconnected World**, by Jody Carrington. Meetings are **in-person at church Mondays at 7pm, through May 8.**

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### **Worship Service of Hope and Joy**

Join us **Wednesday, April 26 at 7pm** for a Worship Service of Hope and Joy. Our Stephen Ministers will lead a time of scripture and inspiration as we glorify God for the hope and joy we find in each new day.

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### **S.T.A.G.E. Flower Sale, Order Deadline Extended!**

The orders deadline has been extended to **Thursday, April 27**. Order beautiful flowers to plant in your garden, as well as hanging baskets, and tomato pots with cages. All proceeds go directly to supporting the summer mission trip to Chicago. Pay by credit card, Venmo, PayPal, cash, or check. <https://forms.gle/8bdiefY9KbJcSkQC6> Flower order **pick up is Saturday, May 20** between **12 noon and 2pm** at **Greenfield Presbyterian, 2312 Greenfield Road, Berkley.**

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### **Support Group Focusing on Depression, Bipolar Disorder and Hope**

Beginning **Saturday, April 29, 2023**, a small group will meet from 9am-10:30 am once a week, for six to eight weeks, to support those struggling with depression or bipolar mood disorder.

Each session will focus on education, support, and a time of prayer and reflection. Helpful resources will be made available as well. Pat Johnson, MA, CSD, BCC, is the facilitator. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/56zs3454>. Questions? Email [pjohnson71@gmail.com](mailto:pjohnson71@gmail.com).

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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.*

## Bring Your Plastic Bags Next Sunday – April 30 Mission Event

Join us after the 10:30am service on **Sunday, April 30** to make *plarn*, in an effort to help folks experiencing homelessness and to care for the earth. *Plarn* means plastic yarn. We'll cut plastic grocery bags into strips and learn how to tie them into the yarn. This intergenerational mission project will last until about 12:30pm. Bring all your plastic bags to church on April 30—colored ones are especially nice! Bring a good pair of scissors (or two) marked with your name. All ages are welcome.

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## Spring Grounds Clean-Up

Please save the date of **Saturday, May 6, from 9 am to 12 noon** for this year's Spring Grounds Clean-Up. Plan to join us as we ready the church's flower beds and grounds for the growing season. *Saturday, May 13, is the rain date.* Thank you!

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## Choral Scholars: Into the Future

On **Sunday, May 7, at 1pm**, join us for a **Fundraising Concert** showcasing our Chancel Choir Soloists and current Choral Scholars as a fundraiser for the Choral Scholar Program. The concert will be preceded by a **Celebration Brunch** for a suggested donation of \$12 (kids, \$6) and a **free-will offering** will be received at the Concert. Please **sign-up for the brunch** using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4d4up366>, or you may sign-up in-person at the reception desk in the CE Lobby.

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## Little Red Riding Hood

On **Saturday, May 13, at 10am**, FPCRO is hosting the Community Programs Ensemble from Detroit Opera, part of the education wing which performs in area schools and community centers, in a **free** performance of Little Red Riding Hood. This 40-minute Opera for Children of **all** ages tells the classic story, is full of humor, and teaches important lessons about keeping promises. The performance will be followed by a brief question and answer period by the cast. Plan to bring a child, grandchild, neighbor, or just yourself, and enjoy the show!

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## H.O.M.E. Project for May

The H.O.M.E. project for this spring will be **Birthday in a Bag** as we anticipate the birthday of the church at Pentecost. Bags are available **today** and will be due on **May 21**. Help to celebrate the birthday of the church by donating a bag for a child who will enjoy a Happy Birthday!

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## Mark Your Calendars for a STELLAR VBS • Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is **June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon**. Registration is now open! Be sure to mark your calendars for a week of finding Jesus' light! We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/ycka7hwhf> to join in on the fun!

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