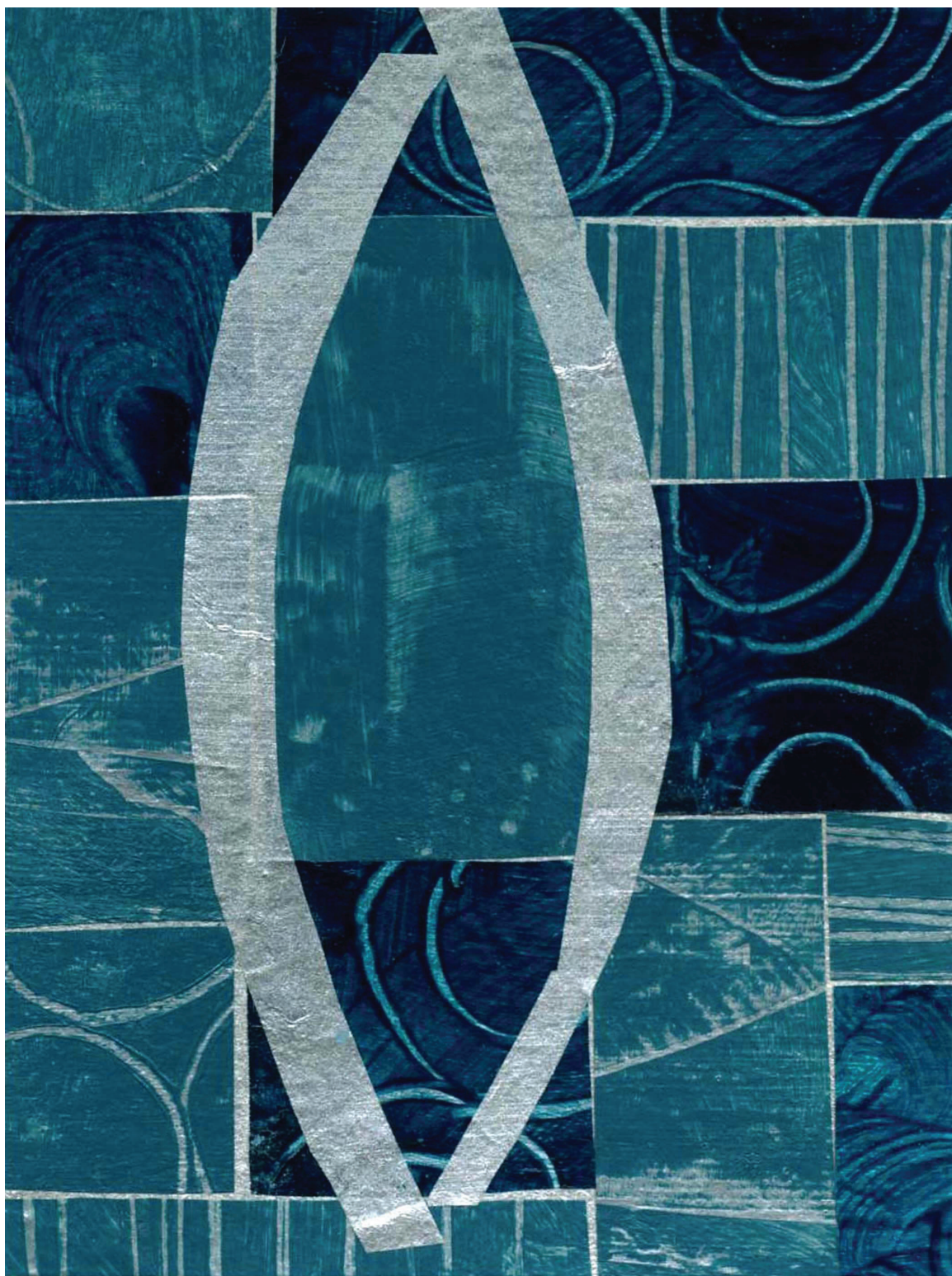




First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

SEVENTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

June 1, 2025
9:30 am Worship



Ascension by Jan Richardson



9:30 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

** Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Fanfare* Lynn Trapp

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church Mark Mares

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

**Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of God's throne.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all peoples behold God's glory.**

For the Lord is most high over all the earth;

God is exalted above all gods.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

Call to Confession Melissa Anne Rogers

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you have shown yourself to us in Jesus,

perfect in every way,

compassionate and kind,

faithful and loving,

gracious and hospitable.

We stumble and fall as we seek to follow you,

struggling to make your ways our ways.

Our sins are real, and they are many.

Forgive our failings

and encourage us to start again....

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

CORONATION

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Nathaniel Fryer

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Tommy Langejans

Offertory

God Is Gone Up
Chancel Choir

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout.
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies;
Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praises seraphic-wise!
Lift up your head, ye lasting doors, they sing,
And let the King of glory enter in.
Me-thinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of glory down him attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody;
Surround his chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their music, making every string.
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

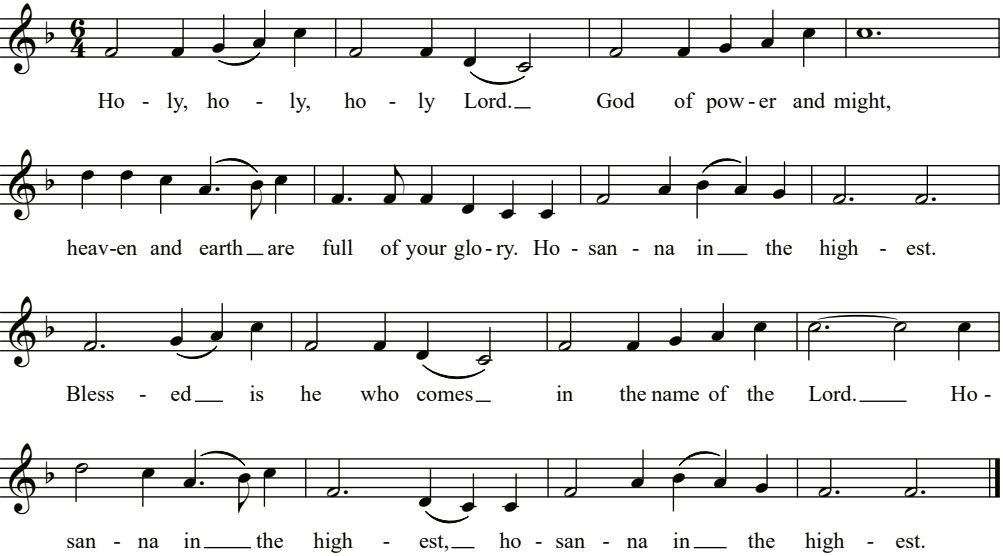
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

LAND OF REST



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Table. The two inside stations offer cups of juice and bread. At the outer stations, clergy will offer you bread to dip into the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.

When receiving each element, please respond as follows:
The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**
The cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL
On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to help those facing food insecurity in our community by donating non-perishable food (and other essentials) to benefit our local partner, Food Gatherers. Drop items in the shopping cart during the last hymn or drop off items in the Welcome Center. Financial contributions may be made online at fpca2.org/give.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**



Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers
Mel Prentice-Hyers
Nathaniel Fryer
Tommy Langejans
Mark Mares
Melissa Anne Rogers
Keanu Heydari, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS

Joe Schmidt

FLOWERS

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

FAST TRACK TO MEMBERSHIP

Looking to take the next step in your faith journey? Join us for our Fast Track to Membership class—a one-session introduction to our church’s mission, ministries, and what it means to be a member. Whether you're new or have been attending for a while, this is a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and explore becoming part of our church family. The class meets at 10:45 am in the Lead Pastor's Study.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE

Support global justice one cup at a time! Fair trade coffee will be available for purchase during social hour in the Social Hall following worship. Stop by to stock up and enjoy coffee that supports fair wages and sustainable farming practices.

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 AM
EXPLORING THE FAITH
Bearing Witness: A Pastoral Journey Through Civil Rights History
Speakers: Nathaniel Fryer and Tommy Langejans
Host: Diane Hockett and Sid Smith
Lewis Room

EXPLORING THE BIBLE
The Parables of Jesus
Host: Ed Koster
French Room

CHILDCARE & NURSERY _____

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER
9:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Room 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

10:45 AM
K-8TH GRADE
Lemon Chapel Singers
Lemon Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADE)
Faith + Creative Arts
Youth Room

Announcements

ALL CHURCH _____

Summer Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
11:00 AM, FRONT LAWN

Join us for the beloved All-Church Picnic—right after worship and a quick evacuation drill! Enjoy BBQ lunch, games, inflatables, and live bluegrass from the Y-Town Hoolies. Bring a lawn chair! Register at fpca2.org.

Church Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating Committee for 2028. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. Submit your suggestions through the online form on our website by June 15. You can also email us at nomcom@fpca2.org or contact Chair Mark Lindley directly.

WEAR ORANGE SUNDAY

In recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend, we invite you to wear orange as a sign of solidarity and hope for a future free from gun violence. Orange ribbons will be available at church entrances next Sunday, June 8. By wearing orange, we honor the lives taken and stand with survivors and advocates working for change. Thank you for helping us raise awareness and show that every life matters.

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

Help us celebrate the ministry of Heather Polikoff!

Help us celebrate Heather Polikoff's dedicated service as Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries! Though she resigned in February, she stayed through April to ensure a smooth transition. Bring cards or monetary gifts

to the picnic or drop them at the finance office (note: for Heather's gift) by June 8. Questions? Contact Betsy McCallister at bmccallist@aol.com.

Honoring Graduates

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads on June 8. Submit the name and photo at fpca2.org/youth.

Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp

JULY 28–AUGUST 1

Rising 2nd - 9th graders are invited to join us for an exciting week of music, drama, and fun. Camp runs daily from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, culminating in a special Musical Proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 3. Register by July 14: fpca2.org/camp

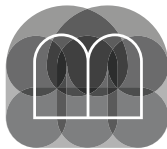
Help Support Our Children's Ministry

As we search for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator, we invite you to lend a hand! Volunteers are needed for upcoming events and nursery care. Stop by our sign-up table during the church picnic on Sunday, June 8, to learn how you can help—whether once or more often, your support matters!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN _____

Publicity Coordinator Needed

Presbyterian Women are seeking a Coordinator of Publicity to join our joyful service team! We meet monthly on third Mondays, 10am–noon, Sept–June. Experience with electronic communications needed. Contact Bonnie Hughes: bonniek@umich.edu or 734-996-1837.



BIBLE STORY

Based on Luke 10:25–37

Do you know your neighbors? They can be people next door, down the street, or across town. Jesus told a story about what it means to be a good neighbor, even to people you don't know. In the time of Jesus, the Samaritans and Jews did not like each other at all. Jesus was a Jew, and one day he told this story about a Samaritan and what happened to him.

Wherever Jesus went, people came to listen to his teaching and to ask questions. One day a lawyer came to Jesus with an important question. "Teacher," he said, "the law says that we must love our neighbor the way we love ourselves." "That's right," Jesus replied.

"Who is my neighbor?" asked the religious teacher.

Jesus answered the question with a story. "One day a traveler was walking down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Suddenly, robbers attacked him and stole all his money. They ran away, leaving him lying in a heap on the side of the road. He was badly hurt and needed help.

"After a while, he heard someone coming. It was a priest. *Thank goodness*, the traveler thought, *I'm saved!*"

"But the priest was afraid that robbers would hurt him too. He crossed to the other side of the road, looked the other way, and kept on going.

"Later, the injured man heard someone else coming. This time it was a Levite, also a religious leader. Finally, he thought, *Surely this one will stop and help.*"

"But the Levite was also afraid of robbers. He crossed to the other side of the road, looked the other way, and hurried by.

"A third time the injured man heard someone coming. This time it was someone coming from Samaria on the way to Jerusalem. *Oh no*, the traveler thought, *It's someone from Samaria. He will never help me.*"

"But the Samaritan man did stop. He bandaged the hurt man and lifted him onto his donkey. He took him to an inn. He gave the innkeeper money to look after the traveler until he was well."

Jesus asked, "Who was a neighbor to the traveler attacked by robbers?"

"The one who was kind to him; the one who stayed with him and helped him," the lawyer replied.

"Go and be that kind of neighbor," said Jesus.

Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim, eds., "The Good Neighbor," *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* (Louisville, KY: Flyaway Books, 2018), 212–13.

