



First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

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**April 2, 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Holy Communion & Gifts of Women Sunday**

Prayer of Preparation

by Sue Monk Kidd

*To be fully human, fully myself, to accept all that I am, all that you envision, this is my prayer.  
Walk with me out to the rim of life, beyond security. Take me to the exquisite edge of courage  
and release me to become.*

Welcome

Minute for Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

**We Approach God**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

*This Is My Father's World*

Sheppard

(based on Terra Beata)

Carolee Caylor, piano & Shari Fiore, organ

\*Call to Worship 473

Liturgist: We smile and sing praises as we worship in your holy, righteous presence today, O God!

**Community: You pave the way for us today, tomorrow and forever!**

Liturgist: Today, we pray and ask many blessings upon the women of God.

**Community: You pave the way for us today, tomorrow and forever!**

Liturgist: Guide our hearts so that we may celebrate and acknowledge gracious deeds and works from the called-upon women of God.

**Community: You pave the way for us today, tomorrow and forever!**

Liturgist: Grateful to God, we worship.

**All: We worship the gifts of women of God today, tomorrow and forever!**

Prayer of the Day and Candle Meditation

\*Song of Consolation 177

*You Are Mine* (v. 1-2 & refrain)

Confessing Our Separation from God (read in unison)

**Awakening God, nearer to us than our very breaths, you breathe new life in the church through the gifts and voices of younger women, yet too often we dismiss them as incapable. You enhance the church's witness through the wisdom of older women, yet too often we dismiss them as irrelevant. You lead us, young and old, to new opportunities yet too often we cling to old habits and ancient anxieties. Rekindle our Spirits we pray. Help us to trust in your Spirit, especially as it leads us to new life and exciting possibilities through the gifts of women of all ages. May the grace of your forgiveness take root in our hearts, transform our intentions and reshape our actions into works of justice, kindness and humility, to your glory and honor. Amen!**

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

\*Song of Assurance 7                      *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

+++*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

Mindfulness Prayer

Not for Children Only

Pam Jusino

*Prayer concern cards collected in the side aisles at this time*

\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ

*Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ*

Anthem

*God So Loved the World*  
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

Welcome to Gifts of Women Sunday

Sue Carlson

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

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Faith Sharing

Shirley Kinsey

Presentation of Honorary PW Membership Award

Sue Carlson

## **We Respond To God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (read in unison)

Romans 8: 38 - 39

**"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Joys and Hopes of the People of God

Congregational Response 227 *Jesus Remember Me* (sung 3 times)

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Offering of the Gifts of the People

*Grace Alone*

Wesley Brown/Nelson

Pam Jusino, soloist & Shari Fiore, piano

*Signing of the Friendship Registers*

\*Doxology 698

*Take, O Take Me as I am*

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (read in unison)

**We offer these gifts and the service of our lives to you, O God, as signs of our gratitude for all you have done and are doing for us. Without your love as we know it in Jesus, our lives would be lacking meaning and purpose. We pray that these gifts and our witness may help others to discover in Jesus new meaning and purpose for their lives. Amen!**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Hymn of Invitation 700

*Sanctuary* (2 times)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

**Community: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts.

**Community: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Liturgist: It is right to give thanks and praise . . . Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Community: Christ has died . . . Christ is risen . . . Christ will come again.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach

Charlene Diehl, flute & Shari Fiore, piano

# We Follow God's Word Into the World

\*Hymn 833

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

\* Benediction

\*Response 468

*In My Life* (v. 1 & 4)

## Assisting in Worship

|                    | <b>April 2</b>   | <b>April 9</b>  |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Lector             | Linda Clew   |   |
| Ushers             | <b>Mary Larson</b><br>Nancy Cook<br>Ruth France<br>Martha Countegan  | <b>Irwin Moyna</b><br>Eddie Matteson<br>Mitchell Cressman<br>Pat Morgan |
| Greeters           | Mary Happel &<br>Ruth Vandoorne  | Rusty Soronen   |
| Sunday Sextons     | Alvine Cooper<br>Matt Hedgecock  | Jeff Ely<br>Martha & Dale Countegan                                     |
| Coffee Hour        | Presbyterian Women   | Fellowship Ministry   |
| Communion servers: | Katie Malisow, Leslie Moyna, Deborah Draper, Dawn Archey, Alvine Cooper, Jan Dennison, Sharon Cressman, Charlene Diehl, Pam Jusino, Lorrie McVey |   |

**We hold in our prayers:** names available in print version

**And prayers for the grieving:** names available in print version

**On communion Sundays we remember members who are homebound, in nursing homes, and assisted living:** names available in print version

**And those serving in the military:** names available in print version

**There is an opening for the church Administrative Assistant Position:** If you are interested in this position or know of someone who might be, please contact Matt Mataya, Personnel Committee Chair.

**This Wednesday is the final Lenten program:** at 6:00 PM we'll enjoy a pot luck meal followed by an activity designed for all ages. Then, for those who wish to stay, there will be a Lenten study from Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*. Drinks, bread, paper plates and utensils will be provided. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass or to make a small contribution to the donation basket.

**Today is Gifts of Women Sunday:** An outstanding member of this congregation will be presented with an award bestowing Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women. After worship, PW invites you to a reception honoring the recipient. Please join us for cake, punch and other treats in Knox Fellowship Hall.

The PW lifetime membership pin (see front of the bulletin) has caring, supportive hands which represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ, who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is that of a butterfly, symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.

### **Rebuilding Together Oakland County – Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Rebuilding Together Oakland County

- a One-Day Project on Saturday April 29, 2017

Work on a FPC Farmington sponsored house! Register today online at

<http://rebuildingtogetheroaklandcounty.force.com>

- Complete “Volunteer Jobs”
- “City of Farmington Hills Rebuild Day 2017”

Questions? Contact House Captains:

- Tom Neal
- Dan Cressman

**CROP Walk is May 7:** The CROP Hunger walk brings our community together to assist hungry people at home and around the world. The money raised supports Church World Service work around the world in emergency response situations, as well as long term solutions, such as sustainable safe water supplies and food safety. Additionally, 25% of the money raised will go to local organizations; Neighborhood House, Baldwin Center, Salvation Army, Alexander’s Food Pantry and Yad Extra.

Help by walking or supporting walkers! Checks can be made to CWS CROP and will be collected at church on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. New this year: you can go online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/farmingtonmi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/farmingtonmi) to make a donation anytime (click on Register, Donate, and donate to a team – Farmington 1<sup>st</sup>). Walking and sharing together with our community, we can help eradicate hunger and poverty in Oakland County and worldwide. Please join us by walking or donating!

**Help restock the shelves at Neighborhood House:** The shelves of Neighborhood House are nearly empty and they need our help! Neighborhood House serves Farmington/Farmington Hills residents who need assistance with food, shelter and clothing. While searching for permanent housing, many are aided by Neighborhood House in finding short term housing in hotels with a hotplate for cooking. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will collect canned food (fruit cups, canned chicken, ravioli, chili, stew, pudding cups, cereal, and diapers). Thanks for your consideration!

## **This Week At First Presbyterian**

### **Sunday, April 2 Holy Communion & Gifts of Women Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

### **Monday, April 3**

6:00 p.m. Piano lessons in sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. SE MI Celiac Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Soul Stretch Yoga

### **Tuesday, April 4**

8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast at Leo's Coney Island  
10:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group  
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday, April 5**

6:00 p.m. Lenten potluck, activities, study

### **Thursday, April 6**

10:00 a.m. ESL  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Friday, April 7**

2:00 p.m. Organ tuning

### **Saturday, April 8**

No events scheduled

### **Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

### **First Presbyterian Staff**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Senior Pastor                | Rev. Eddie Jusino               |
| Ministers                    | Members of the congregation     |
| Christian Education Director | Joshua Archey                   |
| Music Director               | Dr. Gerald Custer               |
| Organist                     | Shari Fiore                     |
| Administrative Assistant     | Pam Williams                    |
| Sexton                       | Vanya Georgieva                 |
| Sunday Nursery Attendants    | Dawn Johnson & Sandra Lieberman |