



July 23, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Prayer of Preparation

John Foley, S.J.

I can prophesy, submit my body to speak like the angels, understand all mysteries, give away everything I own, and move mountains with my faith, but, if I have no love, I am nothing. Love brings the dead to life, make miracles happen. Holy Spirit, whatever we do, help us to do it with love.

Welcome

We Enter Into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

All Things Bright and Breezy

Rosalie Bonighton

*Call to Worship (responsively)

Liturgist: Love never gives up.

All: Love cares more for others than for self.

Liturgist: Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

All: Love doesn't strut,

Liturgist: Doesn't have a swelled head ... Doesn't force itself on others,

All: Love is never "me first,"

Liturgist: Doesn't fly off the handle ... Doesn't keep score of the sins of others...Doesn't revel when others grovel,

All: Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,

Liturgist: Puts up with anything ... Trusts God always,

All: Love always looks for the best,

Liturgist: Never looks back ... But keeps going to the end.

All: Love never dies.

Liturgist: We are waiting to unite fully with the one great love, until then we have faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love.

All: Pursue love.

*Song of Joy 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus You have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, when saying we would not know what words or deeds to say or do. Strengthen us all in the knowledge that when our love has its source in you, it is indestructible by outward circumstances and influences. In Christ name we pray.

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

*Song of Assurance

More Than Before

Kelly S. Moor

**When I need forgiveness Lord,
when my heart is cold,
when I am feeling overwhelmed,
but no-one seems to know;
You are my source of life,
my shining light, my calm in every storm.
You hold my shaking hand
then I understand that in You
I am more than I was before.**

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

We Hear God's Word

Mindfulness Prayer

Not for Children Only

Prayer concern cards collected in the side aisles at this time

Joshua Archey

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Holy Is The Lord
Summer Choir

Franz Schubert

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reflection

Love Has Good Manners

Rev. Dr. J. Harold Ellens

We Respond To God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Barbara Hedges-Goettl

Together we confess that God unites us in faith. Together we come to know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ. Together we know and bear one another's burdens. We admonish one another. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another. We need one another. We build up one another. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Thanks be to God.

Joys and Hopes of the People of God

Offertory &
Signing of the
Friendship Pad

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Jane Kinsey, soprano

Gabriel and Martin

*Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Alleluia

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love — a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole. Amen.

We Follow God's Word Into the World

*Hymn 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*Blessing

Postlude

Marche Royale

Jean-Baptiste Lully

We hold in our prayers: Doris Carmichael, Rosaline Chungag, Evelyn Dunn, John Flint, Anne Fuller, Wendy Gortney, Don Kobman, Sheryl Malibach and Corrine Wedge.

Today's worship flowers are given by: Pat and Mark Plamondon in memory of Beverly Plamondon and Paula Plamondon; and by the Lockwood children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in honor of Margaret Lockwood's birthday.

Assisting in Worship

	July 23	July 30
Lector	Tom Neal	Leslie Moyna
Ushers	Chris Davis Emily Davis Pres & Mary Happel	Jeff Ely Ellen Ely Eddie & Owen Matteson
Greeters	Lincoln Avery	Ev & Sandi Randlett
Welcome Center	Sally Kirsten	
Sunday Sextons	Rick Fuller Rick Fuller	Dwight Kish Irwin Moyna
Hospitality Time	Christian Ed Team	[Available]

Wednesday Evening Vespers with Communion: Enjoy this mid-week spiritual boost weekly through August 30. This 30-minute, informal service starts at 7:00 p.m. and includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Meet us on Wednesday in the sanctuary for a time of worship and fellowship.

Fellowship & Music in Heritage Park: Join us on Thursday evenings through August 17 as we gather at 6:15 p.m. in the park for a time of fellowship and food sharing prior to the evening's free concert. Thursday's Stars in the Park features the Farmington Community Big Band. In case of rain, the event moves the Costick Center.

It's Time for a new Pictorial Directory: Deborah Draper and Randy Edwards are leading the effort to publish a new directory in early 2018. Photo sessions are planned for September 15-16 (with additional dates available in August at a nearby church) and sign-ups sheets are available in the narthex. Each family unit gets a free 8x10" color portrait and additional portraits or packages can be ordered. Also volunteers are needed for photo sessions hosts and calling teams. For more information, please contact Deborah Draper.

Last Call to Register for Vacation Bible School: Join us on July 31-August 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon for "God & Me @ Sea" Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church. This will be a week of Bible time fun that's all about water! Creation, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Jesus Walks on Water, and the Disciples Fill their Nets are the stories about which we will learn, play, and sing! All Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend. Adults and those entering Grade 6 and up are invited to volunteer! Volunteer orientation is at Antioch Lutheran on July 25 at 6 p.m. or July 26 at 1 p.m. Please contact Josh Archey if you would like to volunteer! Registration forms are in the narthex.

Sunday Morning Bible Study to Resume: Beginning Sunday, August 6, please join Josh Archey in the church library at 9 a.m. as we delve into the book of Ephesians in a class entitled *God's Abiding Gift of Grace*. Where do you see God's grace at work in your life? Join us! Please contact Josh Archey if childcare is needed.

ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS (or joggers, or walkers!): The 4th Annual End Homelessness Now 5k/10k will take place on Sunday morning, August 6, starting and finishing at St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield. Proceeds from the event benefit South Oakland Shelter – the rotating temporary shelter endeavor in which First Presbyterian has been a proud participant for more than a decade. For more information on how to race, volunteer or spectate, please call (248) 809-3773 or visit <https://my.southoaklandshelter.org/run/Static/Event-Info>.

“Prayground” in the Narthex features Christmas in July Theme! Does your little one need a break from sitting in the sanctuary? You can listen to the service from the narthex while your children enjoy books, toys and games celebrating Christmas in July! Or find our loving nursery attendants, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Sandy, at the back of the narthex and up the steps every Sunday! *Children are ALWAYS welcome to remain in worship with their family!*

Call for exhibitors: Do you make handcrafted items, jewelry or bake goods that you'd like to sell to support the church's music ministry? Applications are available for this fun weekend event on Nov. 11 & 12 in Knox Hall! Space sizes are either 8'x8' or 8'x10'. We will have an 8'x10' booth for church members who want to participate but don't have enough handicrafts or baked goods for a complete space. For details or to get an application form, please contact Deborah Draper.

Summer Choir Welcomes All: Show up Sundays at 9:15 in the sanctuary to rehearse the anthem (music provided; no robes to wear), then afterward you join your family and friends in the pews for the rest of the service. Please sing with us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

Check out our Resurrection Garden: A crew of industrious volunteers has been busy for several weeks rebuilding our raised garden beds and nurturing vegetable plants as part of our church-wide effort to harvest fresh produce for St. Alfred's Food Pantry, soon to be called C.A, R, E.S. of Farmington/Farmington Hills. To see their handiwork, take a look out a second-floor window or wander up the hill. Many thanks to this hardworking group.

Hospitality Time and Worship Flowers: Become part of our welcoming ministry! If you'd like to host a post-worship gathering by providing light treats or offer flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to the glory of God, there are sign-up sheets posted on the kiosk. Your talents and participation are needed and deeply appreciated.

Where's Pastor Eddie? Pastor Eddie Jusino and his wife Pam are out of the office until August 3. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to see family and friends. If there is a pastoral need, please contact the church office at (248) 474-6170.

Preschool News: Farmington Presbyterian Preschool has openings for children in its program for 3-year olds. For more information, contact the church office at (248) 474-6170.

This Week At First Presbyterian

Sunday, July 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

Monday, July 24

7:00 p.m. Yoga

Tuesday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Leo's Coney Island
10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Volunteer Orientation #1 at
 Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile & Farmington Rd.
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

1:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Volunteer Orientation #2 at
 Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile & Farmington Rd.
7:00 p.m. Vespers

Thursday, July 27

6:15 p.m. Stars in the Park fellowship & free concert in Heritage Park

Friday, July 28

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 29

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 30

 Montreat Youth Conference (through Aug. 5)
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
3:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

First Presbyterian Staff

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	Karen Spica
Sexton	Vanya Georgieva
Sunday Nursery Attendants	Dawn Johnson & Sandra Lieberman