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**July 30, 2017**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prayer of Preparation

John Foley, S.J.

*What's the most important thing? Fine clothes, juicy food? Fast car, big house? What should we be longing for? Not these? "See the lilies. Consider them. They do not spin or toil. Solomon in all splendor was never so clothed as their beauty is." Then, make us lilies. Help us trust you, for every single thing we need.*

Welcome

Moment for Mission

Shoe Drive

Ev Randlett

**We Enter Into God's Presence**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Aria

Paul Manz

\*Call to Worship (responsively)

Katherine Hawk

Liturgist: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**All: May our hearts be open to trust you.**

Liturgist: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

**All: May our eyes be open to see you.**

Liturgist: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

**All: May our hands be open to serve you.**

\*Song of Joy 683    *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may share your love with others. Through the mercies of Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Joshua Archey

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

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

Anthem

*Seek Ye First*  
Summer Choir

Karen Lafferty

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 40 (selections)

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## 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. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,<sup>[a]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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

<sup>8</sup>Love 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. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When 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. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly,<sup>[b]</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## We Respond To God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles Creed (ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Hopes of the People of God

Offertory &  
Signing of the  
Friendship Pad

*The Call*

Suzanne Toolan

Sarah Beth Simonds & Jerry Custer, soloists

\*Doxology 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Alleluia*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Gracious God, we prayed "your kingdom come and your will be done on earth..." We offer these gifts and our lives as signs of our commitment towards living out this prayer. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to move forward in faith and with enthusiasm as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## We Follow God's Word Into the World

\*Hymn 700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*Blessing

Postlude

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

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

## Assisting in Worship

	<b>July 30</b>	<b>August 6</b>
Lector	Leslie Moyna	Craig Aue
Ushers	<b>Jeff Ely</b> Ellen Ely Eddie & Owen Matteson	<b>Tom Kujath</b> Bill Vincent Mark Tampakes Jaime Slais
Greeters	Ev & Sandi Randlett	Pres & Mary Happel
Sunday Sextons	Dwight Kish Irwin Moyna	Alvine Cooper Matt Hedgecock
Hospitality Time	Archeys/Cressmans	

**Vespers with Communion on Wednesday evenings:** Enjoy a mid-week spiritual boost at Vespers weekly through August 30. This 30-minute, informal services starts at 7:00 p.m. and includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Join us on Wednesdays 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 concert. Thursday's Stars in the Park features Bill Bynum & Co. In case of rain, the event moves the Costick Center.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study to Resume:** Beginning Sunday, August 6, please join Josh Archey in the church library at 9 a.m. to 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.

**Vacation Bible School is This Week:** On-site registration will be available for "God & Me @ Sea" Vacation Bible School, July 31-August 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Antioch Lutheran Church. Join us for 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Adults and those entering Grade 6 and up are invited to volunteer! Please contact Josh Archey if you would like to volunteer!

**Where's Pastor Eddie?** Pastor Eddie Jusino is out of the office and will return on August 3. If there is a pastoral need, please contact Rev. Harold Ellens through the church office at (248) 474-6170.

**Preschool News:** Farmington Presbyterian Preschool has openings for children in its program for 2-1/2 year olds and 3-year olds. For more information, please call (248) 474-9752.

**ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS (or joggers, or walkers!):** The 4th Annual End Homelessness Now 5k/10k will be held the morning of Sunday, 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>.

**Time to Bring Fresh Produce on Sunday:** We are donating all produce that is collected after Sunday service starting Sunday, August 6 to C.A.R.E.S. [Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services.] of Farmington Hills. *This is the new name for what used to be St. Alexander's Food Cupboard.* Bring what you grow or buy at the Farmers' Market to church on Sunday. Some member of the congregation will take it over to C.A.R.E.S. on Tuesday morning. Your contributions will be very much appreciated by someone in our community who will receive your donation.

**Our Founders Festival Parade was a Hit:** Great job on building a float for the Founders Parade with special thanks to the Matteson family. And the Frisbees with our church identification were really popular! Well done!

**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 kiosks. Your talents and participation are needed.

**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. Last Tuesday four pounds of produce from the church garden was delivered to the food pantry, including two nice summer squash, green beans, cherry tomatoes, small cucumbers, herbs from the Archey's garden. The cherry tomatoes will be ripening regularly, as will the green beans and squash, and a large tomato starting to turn. It's an exciting time of year for gardeners! Many thanks to this hardworking group.

**Calling all 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 exciting 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, please contact Deborah Draper.

**NEW!! "Prayground" in the Narthex!** Does your little one need a break from sitting in the sanctuary? Listen to the service from the narthex while your children enjoy Bible-themed books, toys and games! Or find our loving nursery attendants, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Sandy every Sunday! *Children are ALWAYS welcome to remain in worship with their family!*

# **This Week At First Presbyterian**

## **Sunday, July 30**

- 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

## **Monday, July 31**

- 9:00 a.m.        Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church,  
                          13 Mile & Farmington Rd.
- 7:00 p.m.        Yoga

## **Tuesday, August 1**

- 8:30 a.m.        Men’s Breakfast at Leo’s Coney Island
- 9:00 a.m.        Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church

## **Wednesday, August 2**

- 9:00 a.m.        Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church
- 7:00 p.m.        Vespers

## **Thursday, August 3**

- 9:00 a.m.        Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church
- 6:15 p.m.        Stars in the Park fellowship & free concert in  
                          Heritage Park

## **Friday, August 4**

- 9:00 a.m.        Vacation Bible School at Antioch Lutheran Church
- 6:00 p.m.        Little Flock Bible Study

## **Saturday, August 5**

No events scheduled

## **Sunday, August 6    Holy Communion**

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

## First Presbyterian Staff

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Rev. Eddie Jusino

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