



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

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October 15, 2023

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Susan Mozena

*Gracious God, may we enter this time of worship prayerfully, hopefully, and peacefully,
with our hearts and minds open to hear and respond to your word. Amen.*

We Enter into God's Presence

Prelude

Elegy in f minor, Op. 55, no. 3

Alexandre Guilmant

Sailboat Church

Stewardship

Welcome / Greetings

Tom Neal

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Congregational Life

Tom Neal

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Call to Worship

Tom Neal

One: The Lord God is our shepherd.

All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

One: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

One: The Spirit has led us here to worship our God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Sister and brothers in Christ, let us worship in peace, hope, love and joy.

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!**

**2 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!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!**

**3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!**

**4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!**

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

Rev. Susan Mozena

All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

Rev. Susan Mozena

Amen. However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalms 100

Tom Neal

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord of the Dance
Chancel Choir

Elder Joseph Brackett
arr. John Ferguson

New Testament

Matthew 25: 31-40

Rev. Susan Mozena

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Sermon

It's the Eyes

Rev. Susan Mozena

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology
Collection of Prayer Cards

Rev. Susan Mozena

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,
in all I design, do, or say,
that all my powers, with all of their might,
might serve you both day and night.**

arr. Shari Fiore

Prayers of the People

Tom Neal

Let us pray: Gracious God, you have inspired us to come to this sanctuary, to this room set apart for worshiping you, praising your holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As the colors around us change from the vibrant palette of summer to the reds and golds of fall, we continue to give you thanks for the bounty and the beauty of your creation. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways in which we continue to damage what you have entrusted to us. Give us the will and the way to protect our planet.

God Incarnate in Jesus Christ, we thank you for the wonderful human connections we cherish, for our families, and for our deep and long-lasting friendships, especially those nurtured within our faith community.

Loving and healing God, we pray for all who are ill, for all who pray for healing, for all who care for those who are ill, for those who deeply love those who are ill. We pray for all who mourn the loss of those they continue to love, whose names each one of us carries in our hearts, speaking them silently now:

God of hope, love, peace and joy, we pray this morning for the people of Israel, Palestine and Gaza---Jews, Muslims, Christians---all children of Abraham, all *your* children. We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn. We pray for those who are being held captive, and for those who wait fearfully for news of their loved ones. Dear God, we pray that you would turn hearts away from violence and toward peace. Give those in power the wisdom, the compassion and the courage to bring peace and justice to the land which so greatly needs healing.

We pray all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say together,

“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.”

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending#363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Charles Wesley

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Benediction

Rev. Susan Mozena

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Michael McCabe

Portions of today's liturgy were taken from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, 2014, Westminster John Knox Press.

Today's flowers are presented by Sue Andrews in memory of Randy Bupte.

Please welcome back Rev. Susan Mozena, today's guest preacher.

The Rev. Susan d'Olive Mozena, ordained in the PC (USA) in 2009 at the age of 64, is "mostly" retired, serving as Parish Associate at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she continues to lead Bible studies, preaches and leads worship occasionally, and provides some adult education on Sunday mornings from time to time. A board-certified hospital chaplain,

Susan provides spiritual care on a very part-time basis at Corewell Health Grosse Pointe Hospital. She and John, married for 55 years, have two children and three grandchildren.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Tom Neal as today's liturgist. MJ Floreno will serve as liturgist on Sunday, October 22nd. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Session Town Hall - Mythbusters

Session will hold a town hall on Sunday, October 22. The Transitional Pastor Search Committee will provide an update on where things stand on our search as well as bust some myths that are circulating in the congregation. Don't miss the TPSC Mythbusters!

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well, such as fruit, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- October 22: Last names beginning A-D
- October 29: Last names beginning E-K
- November 5: Last names beginning L-R
- November 12: Last names beginning S-Z
- November 19: Last names beginning S-Z



Kudos To A Deserving Couple

Congratulations to Ron and Nancy Prieskorn! On PW Recognition Sunday, October 8, the Prieskorns were each presented with a prestigious award, the Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. They were chosen in recognition of their faithful and dedicated service to our church. They were joined Sunday by 23 previous recipients of this award.

Thank you from Mickey Seiler!

Thank you for all the cards, well wishes and most importantly prayers during my recovery from my knee replacement surgery.

Apple Picking-October 15th

Apple picking at Hy's Cider Mill (in Romeo) with the Cressman's will happen TODAY, Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 pm. Contact Karl or Sharon if you would like to ride along with us. There is a BBQ food truck and a gift shop. Come and enjoy the fun together with us!

Scouts Wreath Sales



Scouts BSA Troop 179 are selling wreaths for the holidays. They will be for sale Sunday, November 19, before and after Church. The small wreath is \$27, the medium wreath is \$37, 25 feet of roping is \$30, and stands are \$6 each. If you would like one, but cannot be at Church on Sunday, please contact Katie Malisow at kmalisow@sbcglobal.net or by cell at 248-202-3411. We will happily deliver! We take checks, cash, Venmo or Cash App.



The Sailboat Church

The theme for Stewardship 2024 is "Sailing Adventures With God." The Stewardship Committee has 3 short skits planned for October 15, 22, and 29 that are based on the book, "Sailboat Church" by Joan S. Gray. We hope you'll enjoy the adventures and antics of the passengers on a rowboat church and a sailboat church.

Fall Clean-up day Saturday Nov 4.

On Saturday Nov 4 at 8:30 am we will have our annual fall cleanup day. The main focus will be trimming the trees and shrubs around our property. Please bring saws and pruning tools that day. Cider and donuts will be provided. Any questions: contact Ron Prieskorn.

Stewardship Pledge Forms

Pledge forms will be mailed out later this week so be watching for it. You may return the pledge form using the enclosed envelope or bring it with you on November 5, Consecration Sunday, and enjoy a lovely luncheon with your church family after the service. This is a special fellowship time for our church, and we hope to see you there!

Mission opportunity - Crossroads of Michigan

The final date to help serve lunch at Crossroads of Michigan is Sunday Nov. 5. You can help with 1 or 2 shifts that morning depending on whether you are an early bird or not. The link for the Sign-up Genius for the Crossroads Meal on November 5 is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EAAAF23A2FB6-44490287-crossroads>

Email or call Nancy Prieskorn to have the link sent by email to you or to be signed up.

Sunday doesn't work for you? On Friday morning, Nov. 3 we need to bake 1000 cookies (using premade cookie dough). We can even use extra help after 10:00 to bag up the cooled cookies. Do you prefer a sit-down job? We need onion slicers, too, on Friday.

Crossroads is serving 450-500 people every Sunday.



Art & Craft Show-Volunteers Needed

Bakers and volunteers are needed for our art and craft show Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 - 29th. All proceeds will go toward the Music Ministry. We have a lot of talented bakers in our church so now is your opportunity to share what you have created in our kitchens. Also welcomed are any dry mixes, jams, jellies or

candies. A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk for 2 hour lots to help during the show.. For more information please ask MJ Floreno or Deborah Draper.

Phoenix Circle Meets Tuesday

All women are invited to visit or join any of our Presbyterian Women Circles. This week, Phoenix Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. There is an optional lunch at a casual restaurant following the Circle meeting. Contact Circle leader Nancy Cook for more info, or just come.

Save The Date For PW Christmas Gathering

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. for the PW Christmas Gathering and play, open to all. This is a change from our usual evening event. This year's daytime Gathering, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," will include a catered lunch in Knox Hall after the play and music in the sanctuary. Tickets will be \$10 for the program and lunch.

Support CARES

A reminder that the October "suggested" donation for CARES is: Soup and/or crackers. Chilly days are coming and nothing warms up a person better than a bowl of soup. Mmm, mmm, goodness! Thank you for your September donations of lunchbox items.

COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home and take care of yourself and others.

Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00a.m. in the Library.** Advance copies are available Saturday before by email. **Sunday's Topic: Government Shutdown Averted, House Speakership Vacant; What Next?** To get on the email list contact Tom Neal at tneal@sbcglobal.net.

News from the Church Office

NEW FALL hours are in effect-the office is open Monday through Thursday. Hours are as follows: **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-4pm; Wednesday: 9am-2pm**. As a reminder please contact the church office via telephone at (248)474-6170 or email at info@farmington-pres.org. It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.



All Saints' Day celebrated Sunday, Nov. 5

On Sunday, Nov. 5, we will observe All Saints Day during worship. All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. All Saints Day celebrates all the people of God, living and who

have moved to "More Life," who together form the mystical body of Christ. Below are the names of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington who have been baptized, confirmed or have "Moved from this Life to More Life" during the past 12 months. At this service we will remember them in our prayers, and we give thanks for their lives.

Baptized (Future Generation):

Nora Renee Beaver
Mikah William Piontek

Moved from this Life to More Life (Past Generation)

Marvellee McEachin	William D. Draper
David L. Carlson	Millicent "Mimi" Cramer
Ardis Scott	Chuck Cozier
Rosalie Perry	Lincoln Avery III
Marvin, Tisdale, Sr.	Shirley Kinsey
Leslie R. Van Hamme	June Lymperis

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