



April 7, 2024

**2nd Sunday of Easter
The Lord's Supper**

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Susan Mozena

Gracious God, may we enter this time of Eastertide 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

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Variations on "Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Welcome / Greetings

Rob Kirsten

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Congregational Life

Rob Kirsten

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 133:1-3, John 20:21-22)

Rob Kirsten

One: Peace be with you.

All: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

All: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*Opening Hymn #239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

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You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

One: Amen. We have an advocate with God---Jesus Christ, the righteous one --- who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rob Kirsten

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters

17th. Century tune arr. John Ferguson

Chancel Choir

Lisa Hayes, Deb Hemmye, Marc Hemmye – Handbells

New Testament

John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

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John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Sermon

The Full Effect

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-Bloom

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Invitation 701

Sanctuary

**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 Table

Rev. Susan Mozena

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Rev. Susan Mozena

With consideration for public health concerns (especially the rise in COVID and RSV cases) we will be coming forward to receive communion. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup when you are ready, or raise your hand and you will be served where you are seated.

Communion Prayer

Rev. Susan Mozena

Congregational Prayer Petitions & The Lord's Prayer

Rob Kirsten

“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 #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*
(*Shine, Jesus, Shine*)

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Benediction

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Postlude

Christ Lag In Todesbanden, BWV625

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

The flowers on the chancel on March 24 were presented in memory of Patricia Morgan by her family (John, Katie & Roin) in recognition of Pat's 90th birthday on April 6 and the Easter holiday.

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 Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. She and John, married for 55 years, have two children and three grandchildren.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Rob Kirsten as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for April 14th is MJ Floreno. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Meet Pastor Bruce!

The Transitional Pastor Search Committee is happy to announce Pastor Bruce Mulder as our new Transitional Pastor! Pastor Bruce will be joining us at worship on Sunday, April 21 and for a post-worship welcome gathering in Knox Hall. Please check out his bio at the end of the bulletin. Worship at 10:00 a.m., Luncheon at 11:00 a.m.; Cake Cutting at 11:30 a.m.

Alert! City of Farmington Hills Construction

City Hall driveways on Eleven Mile Road will be closed through the duration of the project. The City of Farmington Hills Department of Public Services began road reconstruction on Eleven Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road on Friday, March 15. This section of Eleven Mile Road will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the road construction project, anticipated to conclude in September.

6th annual Craft Fair is coming April 13-14

A colorful poster for an Arts & Crafts Show. The title "ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW" is in a serif font at the top. Below it, a box contains the dates "APRIL 13-14, 2024" and times "SAT: 10A -4P, SUN: 11A-2P". To the right, a pink ticket stub says "Entry \$2". The text below the box reads: "Featuring previous crafters and local artists, food & sweet treats for sale. Fundraiser for the worship and music ministry." At the bottom, a location pin icon points to "First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336". The church logo, featuring two hands, is at the bottom right with the text "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON Church of the Open Hands". The background has a colorful, abstract, wavy pattern.

Good news! Our 6th annual Craft Fair is coming up in two weeks. As of now we have 35 crafters which is more than double what we had in November!

Let's support our Music Ministry while buying handmade gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations as well as all other holidays and family birthdays. And spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors.

Bakers Needed for April 13-14 Craft Fair

Let Deborah Draper or MJ Floreno if you can provide yummy bake goods for the Craft Fair to support our Music Ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk for your convenience.

Join Us for a Fun Ladies' Night Out!

The Aspire Women's Event is a one-night women's event full of laughter, learning, stories & music with three ladies taking the stage. The cast is: 1 Bible Teacher, 1 Comedian and 1 Musician. This event is being held in many cities across the country and is coming to Rosedale Gardens in Livonia on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. We are putting together a group from our church to attend. If interested, contact Dorothy Tait (248-231-1055, detait1957@gmail.com). The group ticket price is \$25. We can carpool from the church. Here's a link: <https://aspirewomensevents.com>. Feel free to pass on this invite to others who may be interested.

Please pay your 2024 Per Capita Apportionment

The Presbyterian Church is a “connectional” church where we interact through the Presbytery of Detroit, the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. These councils are funded by the “Per Capita” on each of our active members. For 2024, the Per Capita amount is \$36.00. We ask that you contribute \$36.00 for each member of your household confirmation age and above to help offset this amount. Checks may be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington; please note “Per Capita” on the memo line.

Preschool Open Enrollment



The Preschool is now open for enrollment for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word about our Preschool to friends and family who may be interested in enrolling. The program offers 2.5s, 3s and Pre-K (4s) classes.

Please visit the website: <https://farmingtonprespreschool.org/enroll/> or call the preschool: (248) 474-9752 to schedule a tour and/or pick up your enrollment forms.

Car Care Basics - April 21, 28, & May 5 from 2-4 p.m.

Join Karl Cressman in Room 208/210 for learning car care basics. You will learn hands-on skills in the parking lot as well as in the classroom. Please be sure to register for the event ahead of time. Car Care Basics will provide opportunity for people of all ages to learn about basic car care and operations while developing hands-on experience. Led by engineer, Karl Cressman, our presenter is experienced in car care and maintenance. Register for a total cost of \$25 covers three two-hour sessions, snacks, and a takeaway. Register and pay for April 21 only ... but plan on attending all three sessions to get the full event value.

**CAR CARE BASICS
COMMUNITY CLINIC**

Ohhh Nooo! - I've got a flat!
"Pop the hood"? How do I do that?
The dash light is on! What does it mean?
Become confident under the hood!

\$25
3 Sessions

- Sunday, April 21 2-4 pm
- Sunday, April 28 2-4 pm
- Sunday, May 5 2-4 pm

Register:

<https://firnwurl.com/CarCare2024>

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON**

26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Reserve the Date: Saturday May 4 @ 7 p.m. for a bit of musical self-care

Spring choral concert by Cantata Academy Chorale featuring a variety of pieces including Broadway favorites (Do You Hear the People Sing, Masquerade, Another Op'n'n, Another Show; Impossible Dream and Lullaby of Broadway) and deeply inspirational selections (Oh Love, Sing me to Heaven, Earth Song, Afternoon on a Hill, and a particularly haunting piece - Even When God is Silent). Please join us for a relaxing uplifting evening of music.

Advance purchase tickets available at <https://cantata-academy-chorale.square.site> for a reduced price of \$18 for Adults and \$15 for Seniors/Students. At the door the prices are \$20 for Adults and \$15 for Seniors/Students. Children under 10 free.

An Invitation from Presbyterian Players

The calendar says March, but Presbyterian Players are thinking about December. We are currently searching for a script for our annual Christmas play. Before choosing one, we would like to know how many performers are interested in taking part. Are you someone who might like to flex your acting skills on stage? Can you project your voice? Would you enjoy working with a small group of dedicated, cheerful “hams”? Are you free on Monday evenings from late September through early December? If you might be interested in taking a role, or being an assistant play coordinator, please contact Sue Carlson.

FPCF's Shopping List for CARES

Have you picked up your CARES shopping list yet? Look for it in the pew backs or the Mission bulletin board. Take it with you to the store. The items on the list are those most needed by the guests at CARES. Here is a suggestion: If you see a BOGO Sale (Buy One, Get One), pick up the free item for CARES.

JOY! Study takes a break

To ease the busy-ness of Holy Week, we have decided to take a three-week break from our Tuesday meetings **and will resume on April 16. Contact Sharon Cressman for details about joining JOY! Study.**

Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in 208/210.** Advance copies are available the Saturday before by email. To get on the email list, please contact Tom Neal at ttneal@sbcglobal.net.

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, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

April 14: Last names beginning E-K

April 21: Last names beginning L-R

April 28: Last names beginning S-Z

May 5: Last names beginning A-D

FPCF is looking for Legal Counsel

From time to time, there are contracts or other documents to be reviewed to ensure everything is correct and all parties are covered. If there is anyone in the church willing to provide help in this area or if there are any recommendations, please contact the church office at 248-474-6170.

On-Call List for Personnel

The Personnel Committee is putting together an on-call list of people who could be available to volunteer to staff the office in the event that all office staff are sick or simultaneously out of the office. Please email Bob Van Hamme mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com and/or Sally Kirsten skirsten@hotmail.com at for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

Welcome our New Transitional Pastor!

If you haven't seen his bio yet, here it is again! Welcome, Pastor Bruce!

Dear family and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington,

Grace and peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is a joy to be serving alongside you all as your Interim Pastor. I am excited to learn what God has in store for us, and how the Spirit will equip us to be the Body of Christ at First Presbyterian of Farmington, our nation and in the world.

To provide some background, I was born in Muskegon and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. I graduated from Hope College (1984) and Western Theological Seminary (1999), both in Holland, Michigan. I am an ordained Minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and will begin my 26th year of ministry in July.

I am married to Jean. She is a therapist at Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids working with teenage refugees from all parts and continents of the world. We live in Grand Rapids with our "105-pound fur" Buddy, a mastiff/lab mix with a pinch of doofus. 😊 He's a rescue from Missouri. I love baseball (a lifelong Pittsburgh Pirates fan), enjoy reading biographies and theology, and **need** my morning coffee and love drinking coffee with others, too!

What I enjoy most about being a pastor is collaborating, preaching, and connecting with members of the congregation. I love to constantly learn, read, study, and interpret God's word, and to translate and share the meaning and positive impact it can have on our lives. (I'm a self-described Word Nerd).

I am delighted with the opportunity to be your interim pastor, to serve you and to get to know you all in our time together.

Shalom,

Bruce Mulder



Bruce and Jean



Buddy

Save the Date for Church's Spring Cleanup Day

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Please bring your work gloves and tool as we spiff up the grounds and prepare for warmer weather.

COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms

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

News from the Church Office



It is with regret that we inform you that Amanda Schreiber, part of our office administrative team, will be leaving us effective May 1st. Amanda's last day in the office will be April 30th. We wish Amanda the best. She will be missed.

If you or someone you know has an administrative background and would be interested in working in the office for six hours per week, please let Sally Kirsten or Bob Van Hamme know.

Office hours are as follows: **Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;**
Wednesdays: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays.

Next week the church office will be staffed intermittently so it will be a good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building. As a reminder, please contact the church office via telephone at (248) 474-6170 or email at info@farmington-pres.org

First Presbyterian Church Staff	
Ministers of the Church	Members of the Congregation
Pastoral Care Parish Associate	The Rev. Craig S. Aue
Minister of Music & Organist/Pianist	Shari Fiore-Bloom
Office Administrative Assistant	Carly Vivio
Office Assistant	Amanda Schreiber
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