



In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to quiet our minds (and mouths!). Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday in Easter

Prayer of Preparation

Psalm 86.11

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; Give us undivided hearts, to revere your name.

We Enter into God's Presence

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Who Shall Separate Us From the Love of Christ
Chancel Choir

Hal H. Hopson

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Special Reading

Pastor Craig Aue

Congregational Life

Alvine Cooper

Minute for Mission

Mary Carson
Lorrie McVey

*Call to Worship

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L: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

L: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**P: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**P: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

L: Let us worship the Lord our God!

P: Hallelujah! Amen!

**Opening Hymn #385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)*

William Kethe

**1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3 O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

**4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

SILENCE

Forgive us Lord Jesus.
Have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

We Hear God's Word

Reading
New Revised Standard Version

Acts 8.26-40

Alvine Cooper

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip

ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Anthem	<i>Without Love</i> Chancel Choir Charlene Diehl, Flute	Allan Robert Petker
Sermon	On Our Way Rejoicing	Pastor Bruce Mulder

We Respond to God’s Word

Offertory & Doxology <i>Collection of Prayer Cards</i>		Pastor Bruce Mulder
	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		Alvine Cooper
Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer		Alvine Cooper

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your servants, give you thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We are grateful to you for the life we have in Jesus Christ who you raised from death to life that we will live while death has been swallowed up and destroyed. We praise you for your creation, the earth and its bounty. The heavens declare your glory, and the skies proclaim your name. We honor you for daily provision and eternal assurance that you are with us and that you are for us. We pray that you would watch over and keep our lives; be the sun which guides our days the moon which protects us at night. O Holy One, we give you thanks for your immense love, in our Lord Jesus Christ, which rescues the world; we are grateful that in our Messiah we have the means of grace, and the hope of glory. Eternal Alpha and Omega, give us such an awareness of your mercies, goodness and love that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who teaches us to pray...

“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# 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

Graham Maule
John Bell

**1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for the cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**3 “Will you let the blinded eye see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?”**

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the works around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Like a River Glorious

James Mountain
arr. Joel Raney

- 1. Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, Over all victorious, in its bright increase; Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.**

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

- 2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand; Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.**
- 3. Every joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love; We may trust Him fully, all for us to do; They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.**

Today's flowers are donated by Suzanne Drean in honor of Alvine Cooper's 95th birthday on April 27th.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Alvine Cooper as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for May 5th is Sue Carlson. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.



2024 CROP WALK - Sunday, May 5, 2024

As a congregation who participates in the local CROP Walk, we have a way to help neighbors in our community and around the world. CROP Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally and around the world. Our participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. Across the U.S. there are 500 walks and

more than 100,000 hunger fighters, all with one goal - building a world where there is enough

for all. Through our gifts, we are fulfilling the commission of having a generous heart as a follower of Christ. We walk to provide local partners including 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens in our own communities to end hunger and poverty. We walk to show solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. We walk to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change. To donate online or to sign up to walk: Register at crophungerwalk.org and invite others to support an end to hunger. To donate in-person: Sign-up forms will be available in the Narthex after church today and Sunday, May 5, which is the day of the walk in Downtown Farmington. Our church has participated in the CROP Walk for many years and collected a generous \$1,565.00 for the 2023 CROP Walk. Everyone is welcome to participate. We hope to have more walkers this year.

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://tinyurl.com/CarCare2024>

 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Spring Clean-up day Saturday May 4

On Saturday May 4 between 8:30 am and noon we will have our annual spring cleanup day. Our focus will be on trimming, raking, and planting flowers to beautify our property. Please bring tools for pruning, planting, and general clean-up that day. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be provided. Any questions: contact Jeff Ely

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.

Spring Gathering is May 20: Happy Birthday, Farmington!

Did you know that Farmington was founded 200 years ago? Just think what life here must have been like in 1824. To learn more about the city's rich past and its bicentennial, plan to

join us for a Gathering in Knox Hall on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 for dessert, coffee, and a speaker who is an expert on the history of Farmington. This event is open to all. PW will be selling tickets (\$5.00) at the welcome table in May.

An Invitation To Potential Thespians

Have you got the acting bug? Would you like to help present the Christmas story in a creative way on stage? Would you like to work with a small group of dedicated, friendly hams? Can you talk plenty loud? If so, Presbyterian Players wants YOU. We are currently in the process of choosing a play, which will be performed on Dec. 11 and Dec. 15. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, beginning in late September. If you would like to take a role or help in other ways, contact Sue Carlson, Sally Kirsten, Tom Neal, or Laurel Scott.

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://farmingtonpreschool.org/enroll/> or call the preschool: (248) 474-9752 to schedule a tour and/or pick up your enrollment forms.

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.

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:

- May 5: Last names beginning A-D
- May 12: Last names beginning E-K
- May 19: Last names beginning L-R
- May 26: Last names beginning S-Z

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 sckirsten@hotmail.com at for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

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	
Transitional Pastor	The Rev. Bruce Mulder
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
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Office Assistant	Amanda Schreiber
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