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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Easter and Communion



Prayer of Preparation

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Bret Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship based on from based on Psalm 100

Liturgist

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Opening Hymn #192

Shine, Jesus Shine
(stay seated)

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

**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.**

**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.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Acts 16.16-34

Liturgist

Acts 16.16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Great In Power
FPC Choir

Russell Fragar

Sermon

"Rolling Out the Red Carpet"

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here and below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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.
Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

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The Great Prayer of 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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks ... as you are Holy, it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all
times and in all places,

O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us
life and being and preserve us by your providence. You have shown us the fullness of
your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh
for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled
us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and
adore your glorious name. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which
we bread and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood
of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.*"

In the same way, after they had eaten, Jesus poured a cup saying, "*This cup is the New Testament in my blood: do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

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—from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! Amen.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

Almighty God, gracious Father, in the presence of your bounty keep us humble, in the presence of all people's needs make us compassionate and caring. Give us faith in our praying and love in our serving, knowing that by your power all may find a new balance in living and a new victory in adversity. We pray for all unhappy lives, those who are bitter

and resentful, feeling life has given them a raw deal, those who are sensitive to criticism and quick to take offense, those who desire their own way, whatever the inconvenience or cost to others. May your judgment and mercy be for their healing

We pray for those who are lonely, who are shy and self-conscious, who find it hard to make friends; those who are nervous and timid, who ever feel themselves strangers in a world they can scarcely understand. May your presence inspire confidence and ensure companionship. We pray for those who live with bitter regrets, for loving relationships brought to ruin, for opportunities freely given and woefully abused, for the bitterness of defeat or betrayal at another's hand, or for failure in personal integrity. May your grace give new hope to find victory in the very scene of failure. We pray for all in illness and pain, weary of the day and fearful of the night. Grant healing, if it be your will, and at all times through faith the gift of your indwelling peace. Bless the company of Christ's folk, the church in every land. Make her eager in worship, fearless in proclamation of the gospel, and passionate for caring. Bless our country. Bless our leaders. Bless our children and grant us peace within our borders. Grant us a nation to be found effective in establishing peace throughout the world. Bless us, each one, in the communion of the saints, and keep us ever mindful of the great cloud of witnesses that, following in their steps, as they did in the steps of the Master, we may with them at the last receive the fulfillment promised to your people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

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 # 319

Shout To The North

- 1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete.**
- 2. Rise up, women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love**
- 3. Rise up, church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high; by God's grace again we'll fly.**

Refrain:

**Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth**

2. Rise up earth

3. Rise up,

**We've been through fire; we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the power of your name.**

**We've fallen deeper in love with you.
You've burned this truth on our lips
Earth. He is Lord of heaven and earth.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Herzlich Tut Mich Erfreuen

Johannes Brahms

Sunday Flowers!

Please remember to take your beautiful flowers home with you immediately following the church service, if that is your intention, otherwise, they will be donated to homebound church members. Thank you and enjoy!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

TODAY! Pancake Breakfast

Our Cub Pack 179 would like to say Thank You for supporting our Pack and are hosting a pancake breakfast after service. The only thing you need to bring is your appetite.

Learn More About Freedom House Detroit

The F/FH Optimist Club will be hosting a Zoom-only meeting with Freedom House on Thursday, June 12, 7pm. Learn about the history of Freedom House and the current dilemma with immigration. Please contact Tom Neal for Zoom info.

Cereal for Summer Campaign (May 1 – July 6)

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving breakfast and lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. Join our annual CEREAL FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN and help us feed hungry children in our presbytery. The Mission Ministry will be accepting cereal donations from May 1 until July 6. See the marked containers in the Mission Cove in the foyer. Thank you again for your continuing generosity in supporting this effort.

Donations Needed for Youth United (by June 22)

The Youth United planning committee is asking each community partner to collect the following items before Youth United begins on June 23 :

- personal care items: feminine hygiene products, tissue packs, toiletries (all sizes), hand sanitizers
- baby wipes, formula, diapers, food
- new socks (adults and kids)

- clean t-shirts (sizes adult small to large)
- gently used or new books for all age groups (from birth to adult) CARES food pantry
- non-perishable food items
- toilet paper
- laundry detergent and cleaning products
- condiments (mustard, ketchup, syrup, jellies, BBQ sauce)

Place your donations in the CARES/Youth United container located in the narthex under the Welcome Table. Thank you for your generosity and participation in Youth United!

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:

June 1: Last names beginning L-R

June 8: Last names beginning S-Z

June 15: Last names beginning A-D

June 22: Last names beginning E-K



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just

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