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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.



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

Mack the Knife
Waddles Jazz Ensemble

Kurt Weill

Welcome / Greetings

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Liturgist

*Call to Worship (Portions of Psalm 8)

Liturgist

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens...

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands, you have put all things under their feet....O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Opening Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

*Prayer of Confession---

Rev. Susan Mozena

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you have created us to be your children, all of us in one family, together, all of us loved by you. We confess that we forget our kinship with each other, allowing worldly concerns to consume us, creating seemingly insurmountable barriers to separate us. All too often, we ignore the pain that exists throughout the human family. We pray that you would fill us with your Spirit, that we would be instruments of your healing power, bringing your life-giving love where it is most needed.

Silent confession.

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Susan Mozena

Amen. Sisters and brothers, hear again the good news!
You are God's beloved children--- forgiven, loved and free.

Thanks be to God.

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading:

John 3: 1-17

Liturgist

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

It Is Well With My Soul
Waddles Jazz Ensemble

New Testament Reading:

Romans 8:12-17

Rev. Susan Mozena

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Forgiven, Loved and Free”

Rev. Susan Mozena

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.**

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Susan Mozena and Liturgist

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 #279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers, kindle a flame
of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

2. In vain we tune our formal songs;
In vain we strive to rise; hosannas languish
on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

3. Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so
Cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

4. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a
Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

Benediction

Rev. Susan Mozena

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Waddles Jazz Ensemble

Today's flowers are presented by Pat and Mark Plamondon in memory of Ruth Barden.

Today's Guest Preacher: Rev. Susan Mozena, Parish Associate, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. We are so grateful for her continued assistance at First Presbyterian.

Shout out to Waddles Jazz Ensemble!

The Dominic Waddles Quartet is a Detroit based quartet who are majority musicians from Wayne State University. The group plays songs from the great American songbook, and also spices up hymns to fit the style of swing. The group consists of Dominic Waddles, Dylan Cady, Quentin Cassenova, and Eli Bucheit. Today's service will have Andrew Silva taking the place of Eli. From the whole group, we are delighted to play and share the great music of the country.

Children's Nurture Meeting

Monday June 16, 7 - 9 pm in room 208/210. Discussion to focus on restarting Sunday School this fall. If you are interested, please join us, or contact Karl Cressman of the Nurture team!

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.

Ice Cream Social & Games, June 22 after worship

Please join us for an ice cream social in Knox Hall after worship, on Sunday June 22, from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. We'll have chocolate and vanilla ice cream and toppings

aplenty! Stay and visit with our church family! Guests and visitors are welcome! Rumor has it that there will be some games as well!

Juneteenth 2025 at UMC Nardin Park (June 19-21)

The 7th Annual Farmington Area Juneteenth Celebration will take place over 3 days at the FAME Church of Farmington Hills, 29887 W Eleven Mile Rd, FH, on the campus of Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Thursday, June 19, 5:45-8pm – “My Coming to America Story” community dialogue (register for meal)

Friday, June 20, 6:30 - 9pm - Annual Family Movie Night (inside)

Saturday, June 21, 10am-4pm - Community Festival Day with Bike Pick-up

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to help keep things running smoothly (setting up tables & decorations, helping guests, helping vendors, clean up). **Please contact Colleen Tavor if you need more information. Website:**

<https://firstamechurchfarmingtonhills.org/upcoming-events/juneteenth/> Scroll down to see volunteer registration.

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.

DCDI’s Garden and Nutrition Class (starting June 7)

Danika Community Development Inc (DCDI) was founded to support and promote initiatives that serve underserved populations in areas where they need support the most. FPCF also sponsors DCDI’s Resume Writing & Practice Interview Workshop held a couple times per year at our church.

Once again this year, FPCF is sponsoring **DCDI’s Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am**. Sometimes we’ll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and sometimes in the garden. If you would like to volunteer to help, it’s a great opportunity to build community with others we don’t already know while learning something new. Even if you already know a lot about gardening, there is still much to learn from others. Let’s grow veggies with our neighbors! **If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.**

50 Backpacks for Kids in Foster Care (Deadline: Sunday, July 6)

Heads up! Members and friends who love shopping for back-to-school items! This year we are committed to filling 50 backpacks for kids who are in foster care. On the bulletin board in the foyer, the Mission Team has a photo list of specific items that need to be purchased. If you would like to participate: (1) Take a tag with a photo; (2) Provide your name and phone number on the provided line; (3) Bring in the item/s with the tag/s attached and place in the bin below the bulletin board. Then, on Sunday, July 13, we’ll pack the 50 backpacks together with all the items during fellowship time!

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 8: Last names beginning S-Z

June 15: Last names beginning A-D

June 22: Last names beginning E-K

June 29: Last names beginning L-R



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 scan the QR code and follow the prompt

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