

Our Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

“Brother James’ Air”

Mark Sedio

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*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*Benediction

Postlude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Gustav Holst

SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*

Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session*

Rich Péwé, Don Sanderson (*Trustee*)

James Brandon, David Lipps (*Treasurer & Trustee*)

Alan Dimmers, Gregg Patten (*Trustee*), Marsha Rollins

DEACONS

Earla Carver, Kathy Keil, Vida Long, and Carol Ringenberg

Linda Fogarty, Sue Kinney, Rebecca Patten, Nancy Veenstra

Mitzi Dimmers, Marty Games, Connie Huchinson, Laureen Kimbrough

Lisa Roberts (*Chair Building & Grounds Committee*)

Connie Erholtz & Connie Hutchinson (*Co-Chairs Fellowship Committee*)

Marsha Rollins (*Chair Mission Committee*)

The First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, May 14, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 14, 2023

*Congregation May Stand

MOTHER'S DAY

10:30 a.m. Worship

In Essentials... Unity ~ In Non-Essentials... Liberty ~ In All Things... Charity

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" Dean James
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements James Brandon

Call to Worship John 14:19-21

Invocation

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Page #353

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 66:8-20 Pew Bible Page #499

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess in Your presence the sinfulness of our nature, and our shortcomings and 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, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)*Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon "With Jesus" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 12:21-30 Pew Bible Page #55

Anthem "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 26:17-30 Pew Bible Page #861

Sermon "The Lord's Supper as Sign" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" Page #21

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by Intinction

• *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*

• *Salutation and Sursum Corda* Page #785

• *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 96

Question: What is the Lord's Supper?

Answer: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, His death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, May 14 ~ MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday, School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary (*Communion by Intinction*)
- 11:30 a.m. "Mother's Day" Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 15

3:00-6:00 p.m. Memorial Reception for Ellie Leutheuser, Mauck Hall Solarium

Tuesday, May 16

- 6:00 p.m. Strong Foundations Class (*Last*), Anniversary Room

Wednesday, May 17

- 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Pastor's Study & Zoom

Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

Next Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
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USHER SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday:** Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Portteus
- 2nd Sunday:** Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts
- 3rd Sunday:** James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg
- 4th Sunday:** Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott
- 5th Sunday:** Session Members

WELCOME

Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by mothering and comforting others. Happy Mother's Day!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 75

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	James Brandon
BUILDING CLOSER:	Marsha Rollins
DEACON:	Kathy Keil
USHERS:	Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts

PRAYER REQUESTS: Mitzi & Alan Dimmers, Linda Gray, and Sam Jones

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Brenda Barron, Joyce Benzing, Alan Dimmers, John Long, Phil Hoffman, Mary Sanderson, Margaret Scott, Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Kara Dietrich, Jim Elliott (*Friend Pastor*), Brynn Ferguson, Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney (*Friends B.Kneen*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), Steve Hess (*Friend Irma*), Ashley Hightower, Sarah Peggs-Jetter (*Friend M.Dimmers*), JB Jenkins, Robert Jones, & Sam Jones (*Irma's Nephew, Brother-in-law & Husband*), Alexis Kozub, Phyllis & John Payne, Tammy Rose (*Friend Irma*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Rosemarie Schneider (*Sister-in-law W. Schneider*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Tammy Simons (*Friend M.Rollins*), Dana Torres (*Nephew Irma*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*);

PRAY FOR MILITARY: LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*), Spencer Eves (*USNA-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), LT. Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy, Grandson Taylors*), Captain Ben Larson (*National Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Davis Regalado (*USMC-Friend J.Benzing*); LT. JG Sydney Rouble (*USN RN--Granddaughter Bishers*);

PRAY FOR MISSIONS: Lingap Foundation, Outreach Foundation, and Samaritan's Purse;

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS: Curt Carver (*Countryside Care Center*), Mary Rose Dryer (*home*), Lois James (*Medical Care*), and Kit Tamblyn (*Drews Village Green*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, our Nation will pause to honor our Mothers. While they aren't perfect, they deserve recognition for the good that they do and the love that they give. We honor and thank all Mothers, Step-mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters, and other women in our lives that care for us and love us unconditionally. Happy Mother's Day!

LADIES SOCIETY (June 7): The Ladies Society will not be meeting in the month of May. However, we will gather for a "Summer Salad Picnic" on June 7th at the home of Barb Auseon. Ladies, mark your calendars and save the date!

LARGE PRINT BIBLES (NRSV) are available for anyone's use during the service. Please feel free to pick up a large print Bible in the Alcove prior to the service, use it, and return it after the service.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Join us for our Wednesday evening Bible study starting at 6:30 PM with participation in-person in the Pastor's study or live on Zoom. Check fpchillsdale.org for the Zoom information.

SESSION MEETING (May 18): There will be a Session Meeting this Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM in the Anniversary Room. Elders, please pick up your materials from your folders in the Church office today.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASS is this Tuesday at 6 PM through May 16th in the Anniversary Room. This class is the last one in this session. We thank those who helped with these classes in any way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There are classes for everyone! We hope to see you in Sunday School!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Everyone is invited to the "Home Plate" Baseball Game/Event at Comerica Park on Saturday, June 10th. Tickets are \$29 and FPC sponsors \$14—so a ticket is \$15! **There are only (20) tickets left! The deadline to purchase tickets is May 15th.** Call Marty Games at (517) 610-9955 for tickets.

THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS & BOTTLE COLLECTION continues by Marty and the Cub Scouts for recycling the cans/bottles and sharing half the money with our youth! Their work is very much appreciated by all of us!

TODAY, THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated as part of our worship together. All who trust in Christ are invited to participate.

- **THE STUDY OF THE SACRAMENTS CONTINUES THROUGH PENTECOST SUNDAY!** During this season, we will explore the nature of baptism and the Lord's Supper together in service and in Sunday school through Pentecost Sunday. We'll partake of the Lord's Supper for each of those Sundays.
- **LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY 28:** The Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on May 28th! Plan to **WEAR RED** as we recognize this important day in the history of the Christian Church, which is known as the birthday of the Church. We will receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship.



Eleanor F. Leutheuser
May 15, 1929 – January 7, 2023

There will be a Memorial Reception in honor of Ellie Leutheuser on Monday, May 15th from 3-6 PM at Mauck Hall Solarium. The family welcomes Church members and friends to come and share memories, while informally visiting with friends from near and far.
