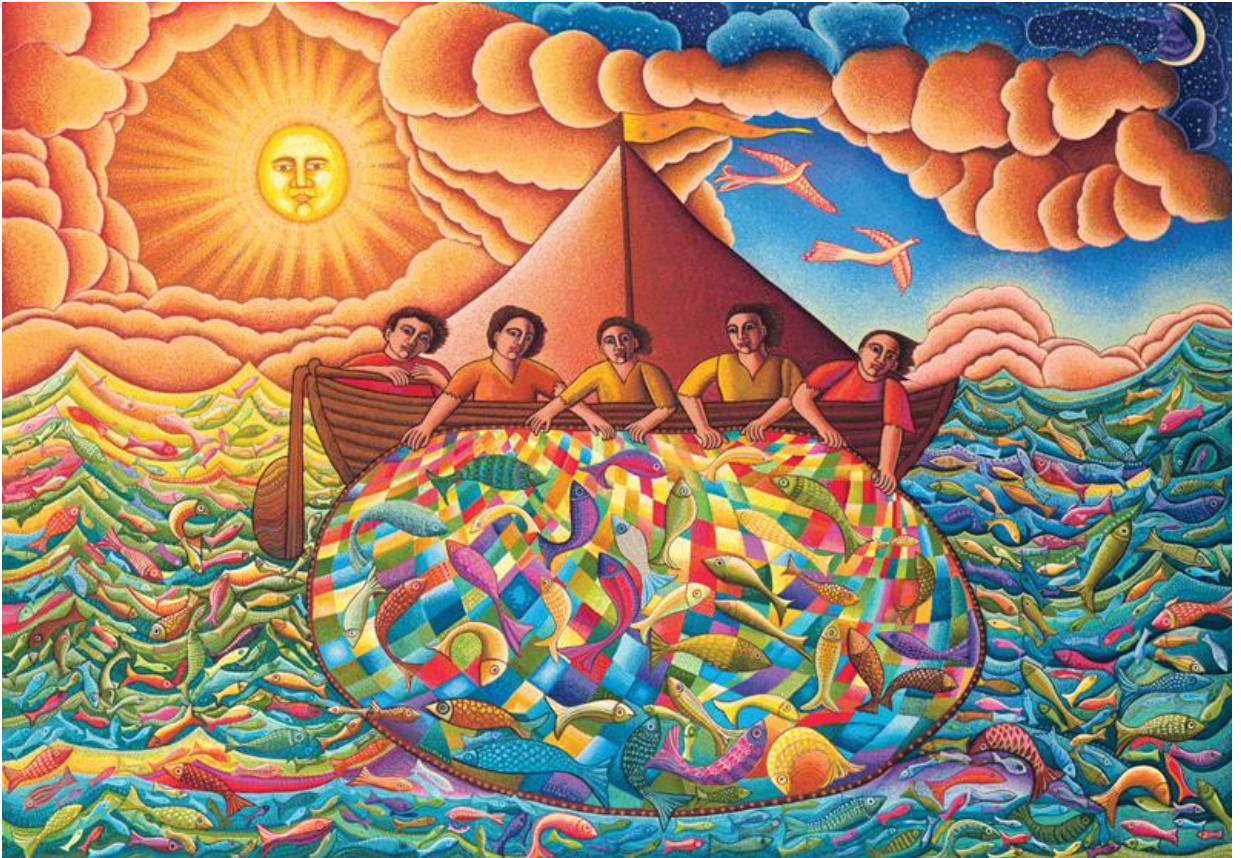


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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.*

## PRELUDE

Megan Higle

## CALL TO WORSHIP

David Viele

We live in the radiance of your glory.

**Our worship comes from  
the gladness you have put in our hearts.**

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

**Oh, hear the joy of our praise  
for your grace and mercy.**

**++HYMN #246[GTG] Christ is Alive!**

*In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-ached tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

David Viele

Unison Prayer of Confession

**What love you have given us, O God,  
that we should be called your children.  
What love you have given us, O Christ,  
that we should share a table with you.  
Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children:  
when we do not recognize your image  
in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends;  
when we do not share our own tables,  
forgetting that we need each other.  
Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace,  
and teach us to follow in your way.**

**++**indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

David Viele

Hear the good news of God's promise:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness #544 [GTG] Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

**++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

David Viele

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Be still and know that I am God (three times).***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ms. Megan

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

David Viele

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 3:12-19

David Viele

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence

of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “Modimo” arr Michael Barrett

*Modimo re boka wena  
Tsosthle di entswe ke wena  
Wanyamalala umthwalo wezono zami*

**TRANSLATION**

*God, we praise you  
Everything is created by you  
He took away my burden [sins]*

**GOSPEL READING**

John 21:1-19

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

<sup>21</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him

the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

## SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**++HYMN #630 [GTG] Fairest Lord Jesus**

*Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prince Solace

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayers continue)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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.**

**Amen #568[GTG]**

***Amen, amen, amen.***

***Amen, amen, amen.***

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

**Offertory Music** "Pues Si Vivimos" arr Alice Parker  
(See Hymn No. 822 for translation)

*Pues si vivimos, para Él vivimos, y si morimos, para Él morimos.  
Sea que vivamos o que muramos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

*En esta vida frutos hay que dar y buenas obras hemos de ofrendar.  
sea ya que demos o que recibamos, somos del Señor, somos del*

*Señor En la tristeza y en el dolor, en la belleza y en el amor,  
sea que suframos o que gocemos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

*En este mundo por doquier habrá gente que llora y sin consolar.  
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

### **Offering**

**++Doxology #607 [GTG]**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**++HYMN #366 [GTG]** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together).  
The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine  
Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful", HYFRYDOL) gives us a foretaste of endless song.*

### **BENEDICTION**

**BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]**

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

### **POSTLUDE**

Megan Higle

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	David Viele
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Choir Director	Colin DeWitt
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS** are available.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, April 14**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

### **Monday, April 15**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-2 Last AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall  
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal - Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, April 16**

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes  
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club Officers - Library  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, April 17**

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond Luncheon – Parlor  
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – choir room  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room  
7:00 p.m. Session – GIL room

### **Thursday, April 18**

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
5:30 p.m. NWI Cooking Demo - Kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. GL Quilt Guild – Litten Hall

### **Friday, April 19**

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

### **Saturday, April 20**

11:30 a.m. Recital – Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir Concert – Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Baby Shower – Litten Hall

### **Sunday, April 21**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Take a Tour of the Church today after worship.** New to the church or wonder where places are in the church? Come take a tour and ask all your questions. Meet in the front of the sanctuary and we will explore this big building.

On **Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.,** the **Capitol City Chordsmen** will present a concert here at our Church. We will feature popular Disney songs, with quartets and the chorus performing. As a thank you for allowing us to rehearse here at Church, the ticket price is waived for church members. We will all have fun.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club.**

This is a special year and North Westminster Presbyterian Church is recognizing those who have been a part of the golf event for 8 or 9 years. LFPC is one of them. Donors have contributed over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and North Westminster Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements.

**Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. That means every member should pay that amount. The check can go to the church with a note of per capita.

## ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).  
(Childcare can be available through this time.)

**APRIL 14**

**Waterwise Landscaping: Protecting the Grand River and Beyond**  
**Mike Bryan and Carol Wallace, leading**

**Paige Filice**, MSU Extension, will be discussing how to best manage and protect water resources in our lakes, streams, and even our backyards. Her presentation will include managing storm water issues through the use of rain barrels and rain gardens. In addition she will also discuss invasive species that sometimes plague water gardens, backyard ponds and Michigan's lakes and streams.

Paige Filice is a natural resources educator with MSU Extension. Her responsibilities include coordinating the aquatic invasive species education programs RIPPLE (Reduce Invasive Pet and Plant Escapes), assisting with the Clean Boats and Clean Waters program and serving as Associate Director of the MSU Extension Center for Lakes and Streams.

**APRIL21**

**Earth Care Sunday**

**Barb Amundsen, Carol Wallace, Mike Bryan leading**

Earth Day is April 22. The First Presbyterian Church Green Team invites all on this 54th anniversary of this celebration to learn about the PC USA Presbyterian Mission Agency's Earth Care Congregations program. More specifically discover how our church can become certified as an Earth Care Congregation by becoming more involved in being stewards of God's earth through completing activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach. For example, churches that participate in community garden programs like ours, or promote Fair Trade Coffee or use Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday gain points towards qualifying. The ECC program started with a few churches in 2007. Today there are over 276 churches that have been certified.

In addition, come learn about our **First Pres Community Garden** – Its history, opportunities to volunteer, and how to rent a garden space will all be discussed.

