

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Worship Carilloneurs

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

Blessed Assurance
(Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)
Concert Bells, Kelly Beardslee, director

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Acolyte: Carson Koegel, 3rd Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

*Call to Worship

And the one who was seated on the throne
proclaimed, "See, I am making all things new."
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

*Processional Hymn 455

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Stanzas 1 and 6: All
Stanzas 2 and 4: Men only (all sing Alleluias)
Stanzas 3 and 5: Women only (all sing Alleluias)

*Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

Holy God,
you are coming to make all things new.
We long for you to make us new.
Sin has stained and scarred us
and has become so familiar to us.
We have worshiped you with our lips,
but not with our hearts.
We have followed you with our words,
but not with our lives.
We have developed habits of convenience;
our ways have become well-worn.
Forgive us.
Make us new.
Start afresh with us,
so that we might go in the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Charlie Sheridan

New Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18 (Pew Bibles pg. 122 N.T.)

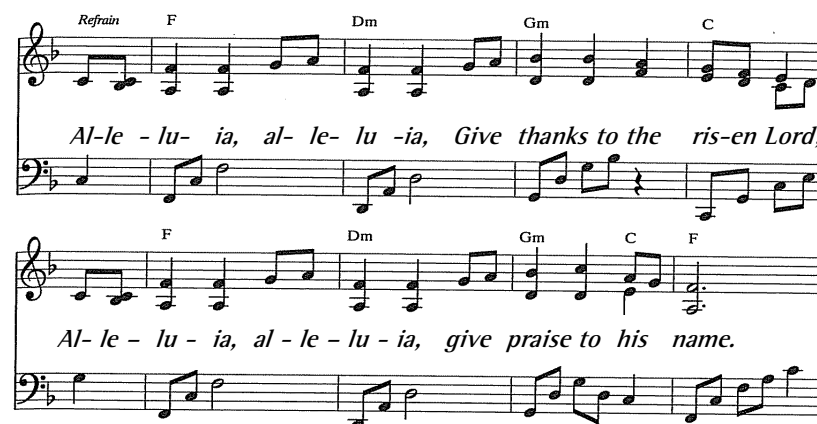
Psalm 148



Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 (Pew Bibles pg. 244 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterock

Hymn 374

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35 (Pew Bibles pg. 102 N.T.)

Anthem

Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart
The Chancel Choir

Clausen

Sermon

Who Am I to Hinder God?

John L. Musgrave

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-
fied, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*Doxology

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

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul
Robert Ruddy, interim organist

arr. John Purifoy

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

Those hospitalized this past week were: Micki Hoffman, Ida Mason, Alice
Oldfield and Ruth Zetterberg.

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and
those distressed by natural and human disasters.

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....

Sanctus (Hymn 568):

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....*

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life (Please partake of bread
Cup of Salvation and cup when served.)

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro

Johann Gottfried Walther

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the
service of worship. Elder Barbara Horcha will assist after the service.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

**You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for
\$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.**

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)

This Morning's Hymns:

All Creatures of Our God and King is the first religious poem written in the Italian language. Francis of Assisi wrote the poem to represent creation's hymn of praise to its creator. He cites the *burning sun* and *silver moon*; *rushing wind*, *flowing water*, *fertile earth* and of course, *human beings*. Appreciation for the hymn is enhanced by the knowledge that Francis composed it at the end of his life when he was in extremely poor health and suffered from failing eyesight and chronic pain. In this weakened condition, Francis came to understand that even death is a part of God's creation. Death, too, can be used in the praise of the giver of life. This morning we alternate in singing the stanzas of this great hymn.

- Stanzas 1 and 6: All
- Stanzas 2 and 4: Men only (all sing Alleluias)
- Stanzas 3 and 5: Women only (all sing Alleluias)

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace is a paraphrase by Jesuit Father James Quinn of the great prayer of St. Francis of Assisi set to a tune by Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. Both the prayer and tune were composed by men who came from vast family fortunes who turned from a life of luxury to serve the church. St. Francis of Assisi (who also wrote our opening hymn) was born to great wealth but committed himself to the simple life of priesthood and service to others.

Lee Hastings Bristol was born into the Bristol Myers Pharmaceutical family. As a young man, he took his place in the family business but left to serve the needs of music ministry and education. Hastings was President of Westminster Choir College and was also very active as a lay minister in the Episcopal Church.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was written by the great hymnist Charles Wesley. Its theme is the great thread of divine love, which runs through all of Wesley's hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification – God's "great salvation" is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as the guilt of sin. Thus we are being perfected. In divine love, we are changing "from glory into glory." Of particular interest this morning is the forth stanza. It reminds us of this morning's reading from Revelation. It asks of God, "Finish, then, thy new creation..." But the new creation begins with the renewal of our spirits. Through God's grace, life is changed "from glory into glory" and we are "lost in wonder, love and praise."

This Morning's Anthem

Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart

Text: Song of Solomon 8:6a Music: René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
Neither can the floods drown it.
For love is strong as death.

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Child Care
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education

Monday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Staff Devotionals
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Library Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 4

7:00 a.m. Renovare
8:00 a.m. Cover the Uninsured Week
9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting in Saginaw

Wednesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Renovare
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sewing Team
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Adult Education
5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
5:15 p.m. Fine Arts Advisory Team
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Program Childcare
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful (K-6)
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Senior High Pipe Praise Band

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. This week will center on Healing and Wholeness. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm if not attending service.

Thursday, May 6

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Greek Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club

1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team Meeting
4:00 p.m. Collaborative Lay Counseling Training
7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Uninsured Week Breakfast
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Class
8:30 a.m. Salem Housing

Ministers,
Members of First Presbyterian Church
Senior Pastor,
John L. Musgrave
Associate Pastor,
Paul Ytterock
Commissioned Lay Pastor,
Steve Baillie
Director of Business Administration,
James B. Hagan
Director of Children's Ministry,
Jaime Powell
Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,
Andy Armstrong
Director of Music and Fine Arts,
Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,
Kim Skaff
Director of Youth Ministry,
Jim Pope
Building/Kitchen Manager,
Greg Kelly
Community Ministry,
Lisa Home
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner
Interim Organist,
Robert Ruddy

First Presbyterian Church of Flint



Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.

Today's readings help prepare us for the gift of Pentecost, so that we can welcome it without imposing human limits on its expression. God alone is the source of the Spirit and is prepared to pour it forth upon anyone who asks! When we can welcome and love others as generously as God, surely we will have built this new Earth, and "there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away".

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 2, 2010 9:30 a.m.