



GATHERING

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, *pastor*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Collin Whitfield, *organist*

Improvisation on *Hymn of Promise*

▲ OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

O Lord our Lord:

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

For You hold the heavens in your hand;
all stars rejoice in your glory;
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn;
You bless the splendor of the noonday.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Indeed, the stars in their courses magnify you;
day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth,
and the breath of your mouth fills all space.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm;
the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.
You satisfy all things living with your abundance,
and our hearts bow at your presence.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Accept us, your children, eternal Father,
and hear our prayer.
Bend low to hear us, eternal Love,
and bless us this Eastertide. **Amen.**

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Paul Ytterrock, *pastor*

Lord, you come to us,
but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,

but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
**Forgive us, Lord, and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

THE WORD

▲ GATHERING SONG



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!



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CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

REFRAIN

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

Ann Batchelor, *lector*

▲ REFRAIN

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

▲ GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19-31

REFRAIN

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SERMON

The Rev. Paul Ytterrock

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower/Hymn of Promise” (PROMISE)

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 crucified, 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 universal Church, the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (Anne Krentz Organ)

*O sons and daughters, let us sing
 with heavenly hosts to Christ our king:
 today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!*

*When Thomas first the tidings heard
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples word. Alleluia!*

*“My piercé side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be.” Alleluia.*

*No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 “You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia!*

*How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!*

▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

▲ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DEPARTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 666

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

▲ CHARGE

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

“We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba”

*We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos’.*

▲ POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on a chorus from Judas Maccabeus (Alexandre Guilmant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SNAP AND GO INFORMAL PHOTO OP

If you were unable to get your photo taken during the last session have no fear! We are offering another opportunity for an informal individual or family photo session on **Sunday, April 14**. As always, there is no appointment necessary. Please report to the Memorial Parlor following worship.



GARDENING TEAM MEETING

Would you like to become a member of the Gardening Team this year? We are looking for individuals who would enjoy helping us keep the church flower gardens beautiful with planting and upkeep. Please join us on **Sunday, April 14** following worship in Room 129 for more information!



PIPE YOUTH

Pipe is going to NYC for our Summer Engagement Trip from **July 21-27**! We will be partnering with Experience Mission and other non-profits in Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx! If your high schooler is interested, reach out to Kira (knieman@fpcf.org or 509.842.0541).

Pipe meets every Sunday at 4:00p for yummy snacks, fun games, cool people, and fellowship! Pipe is open to all 7th-12th graders so bring your friends!



THANK YOU

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

As we continue to bless our neighbors, I am delighted to recognize The Michigan Secretary of State (MSOS) Mobile Unit (Lacey and Stephanie) and Luz Ytterrock for serving twenty-seven people on Tuesday. Together, we were able to provide residents with identification cards, driver's licenses, a handicapped parking placard, car registrations, copies of their driving records, and official changes of address. The partnership we have established with MSOS is a rewarding venture and a blessing to our community. Thanks for the prayers and continued support of the Community Ministry and blessings to you all!



FPCF KIDS

The FPCF Kids Spring Musical will be held during Worship on Sunday, April 28. The children will be collecting change and other donations for our community partner, Motherly Intercession. Be sure to bring some extra change to help them make a change!

Family Dinner & FPCF Kids' Choir continues this week. Join us for Family Dinner at 5:15p and Choir will begin at 6:00p.



FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS: SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Join us on **April 21 at 4:00p** in the sanctuary as we present the Festival of Choirs featuring our Chancel Choir, FPCF brass, Concert Handbells and organ. Come join us as we celebrate music for all ages. There will be a reception to follow and this concert is free of charge.



FLINT 6K: MAY 18, 2024

The Flint 6k is a family-friendly run/walk through Chevy Commons impacting local and global water initiatives. Each race registration provides clean drinking water for one person in the developing world through World Vision + a donation to the Flint Kids Fund through our sponsors. Use promo code CLEANWATER and save \$15 through April 10th. For more information and registration, visit flint6k.run.



THE GERHOLZ CENTER IS HIRING

Opportunity is knocking! Join our exceptional team at the Gerholz Center for Christian Counseling. We seek qualified individuals who share our passion for providing support to individuals facing emotional and mental health challenges. We offer an array of professional development opportunities designed to enhance your knowledge and skills. Additionally, we provide supervision to limited licensed therapists. To apply for this position, scan the QR code or go directly to our website: www.gerholz.org/employment.



SCAN ME



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak (Senior Pastor)
Rev. Paul Ytterock (Associate Pastor)

Liturgist

Ann Batchelor

Organist

Collin Whitfield

Acolytes

Noah VanBuskirk (light)
Jack VanBuskirk (banner)

ASL Interpreter

Karly Blandford



LIVING PLANT MEMORIALS

In loving memory of **Jim Clark** by his loving family:
Judy, Faith, Julie and Jim Jr.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY (04/07)

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal
4:00p Pipe Youth

MONDAY (04/08)

4:30p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY (04/09)

10:00a Women's Bible Study
5:30p Caring and Serving Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY (04/10)

10:00a Sewing Ladies Meeting
10:00a Women's Bible Study
10:00a Helene Streich Visitation
11:00a Helene Streich Memorial Service
5:15p Family Dinner
6:00p Wednesdays @ FPCF
FPCF Kid's Choir
Pipe Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY (04/11)

9:00a Food Bank Volunteer Group (Offsite)
10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (04/12)

12:00a Church Office Closed
6:00p Second Friday Artwalk

SATURDAY (04/13)

9:00a Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY (04/14)

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal
12:00p Informal Photo Op
12:00p Gardening Team Meeting
4:00p Pipe Youth

