

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Beguiled BY BEAUTY

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

Sunday, July 20, 2025

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein

Helmut Walcha

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 1)

***SILENCE**

***PRAYER OF OPENING**

Leader: Divine Goodness, Holy One, pause us for this moment, bear us up in this time, hold us for eternity.

People: We tune our spirits to truth.

We begin to let go of expectations.

We allow all beings the fullness of their own beauty.

***HYMN #403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: To be in the presence of God is to be surrounded by grace and to be filled with joy.
May the peace of our Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share with each other the peace of Christ.

(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***RESPONSE #285**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (verses 2-3)

WE HEAR THE WORD

LECTIO DIVINA

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 4:1-7

SERMON

The Beauty of a World Without a "Why"

VISIO DIVINA

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG

"Out of the Depths" (verses 1 & 2)

RESPONSE

Leader: Arise, God of Beauty.

People: Come to our aid.

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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER SONG

"Out of the Depths" (verse 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision (Piano and Organ) arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

*RESPONSE

"O God Beyond All Praising" (verse 1)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, thank you for your gifts of life—fragrant flowers, fruitful vines, singing creatures, and our own lives, renewed in Christ. Let your grace infuse the gifts we offer with life-giving power for those in need. In the name of your own Beloved Son. Amen.

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RITUAL ACTION

*HYMN #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Präludium and Fugue in C Major

Georg Böhm

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Charlie Aronson; Children's Ministry Director, Emily Kaltz; Pianist & Soloist, Jane Mykytenko; and Organist & Music Director, David Stultz

Calendar



The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Sunday, July 20

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Tuesday, July 22

11:00 a.m. Hope Care & Beyond
Sewing
7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts Mtg.

Wednesday, July 23

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media
Deadline

Thursday, July 24

7:00 p.m. Starting Again

Saturday, July 26

10:00 a.m. Christnet Lunch Making

Sunday, July 27

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Elders

Class of 2026

Jeremy Hughes
Jane Mykytenko
Nancy Slanec
Laura Thormann

Class of 2027

Joel DeHamer
Karen Fink
Elissa Osborne
Janet Witkowski

Class of 2028

Charlie Aronson
Jim Barber
Lynn Hoffman
Bob Missler

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Deacons

Class of 2026

Karen Fuller
Dorinda Hughes
JoAnn Isaacson
Olimpia Todor

Class of 2027

Nancy Barber
Lynn Campbell
Dottie Kennedy
Sallie Pray

Class of 2028

Mary Currie
Laurie Gentinne
Kaye McKay
Nancy Setterlun

Book of the Every Other Month Club

Summer Reading: Book of the Every Other Month Club has chosen *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon as the topic for its September 13th meeting. Set in Maine in 1789, this historical novel is based on a real-life character, Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife. In Lawhon's story, Ballard finds herself investigating a murder and standing up for justice at a time when women's abilities to take on such roles were severely restricted. A GMA Book Club pick and NPR Book of the Year, *The Frozen River* promises to be a great summer read. The Book of the Every Other Month Club meets on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March and May at 10:00 AM in the North Parlor. For more information, contact Janet Witkowski at janwit1978@gmail.com.—Join us!

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Jamie Palmer, *Custodian*
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Come Home to God's Love

Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs
9 :00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.