

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn #405**

Praise God for This Holy Ground

***Call To Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, we confess that we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name that we pray. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: God's forgiveness gives us joy, and our joy increases when it is shared. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

***Response #587**

Alleluia!

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1987)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Gloria Patri #581**

Glory Be to the Father

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

Adagio from Symphony No. 3

Louis Vierne

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Crucifix for Organ

Young Jo Lee

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Carole Higgins;
Guest Organist Ye Mee Kim

Calendar

Sunday, August 30

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship-N.P.

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 p.m. Worship & Arts Mtg.

Wednesday, September 2

10:00– 4:00 Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Media Deadline
1:00 p.m. Personnel Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 6

Communion Sunday

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship- N.P.

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Church offices closed

Sunday,
Sept.
13
6:00
p.m.

Sing
for all
Creation

A Festival of
Favorite Hymns
and More

*Reception to follow
in Mitchell Hall*

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Reformed Spirituality and the Natural World: Talks on Desire

A key question in Christian spirituality is, “What do we do with our desire?” The question is very practical in nature, and yet it opens out to broad theological questions about human nature in its created goodness and in its sinful distortions. The Reformed tradition has been known to take a dim view of desire, and yet a careful reading of some of the key theologians in the tradition suggests that, although desire is a problem, it is also the solution. In these talks, we consider the ways John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and the English-speaking Puritan tradition understood the natural world as a kind of invitation to a transformed relationship with our natural desires. In nature, we see a marvelous and often severe beauty, and we are invited beyond our customary obsessions and preoccupations toward a wider appreciation of God’s glory.

September 20th—October 11th following worship.

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Pastor*
Dr. David Stultz, DMA, *Organist and Music Director*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*
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Come Home to God's Love

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