

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Fifth Sunday of Creation

Sunday, October 11, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Ricercare

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 104)

Leader: You, LORD God, send the springs into the valleys;

People: They flow between the mountains. All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them.

Leader: Beside them the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches.

You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;

People: The earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

*HYMN #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

*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.)

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:1-15

SERMON

The Source

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Lutheran Theological College, South India)

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

Glory Be to the Father

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #479

Ho, All Who Thirst (Come to the Water)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

La Morisque and Pavane from Dansereye (1551)

Tielman Susato

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Dottie Kennedy;
Organist and Music Director, Dr. David Stultz; The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, October 11

9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Family Lunch

Tuesday, October 13

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m. Outreach & Mission Mtg.

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
6:30 p.m. NAMI Mtg. M.H.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Friday, October 16

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Quilt Show

Saturday, October 17

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Quilt Show

Sunday, October 18

9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. Reformed Spirituality Class-S.P.

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. We will meet in the South Parlor, or for a ZOOM link, contact Tami in the church office.

September 20th—October 18th following worship

(Class will not meet on October 11th)





SAVE THE DATE

FPCD is once again sponsoring a meal packing event for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Please plan on helping us pack nutritious food packets on Saturday, November 21st at noon. Spread the word and bring friends!

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Come Home to God's Love

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