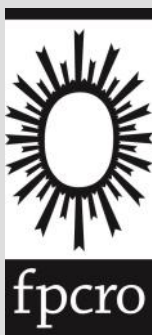


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JULY 21, 2024 | 10:30AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



*Spirituality | Service | Sharing*

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

We hope you sense an authentic community here! This church is *not* for people who have everything about their faith figured out. It's not for people whose lives are neat and tidy. *This is a community gathered in Christ.* Together, we are seeking a world made whole. The Holy Spirit draws us together with our doubts, struggles, *and* our celebrations. God is at work transforming us and showing us glimpses of Christ's light in the world!

Our worship service follows a traditional format. Our prayers and preaching put the Bible in conversation with practical questions to help us live faithfully in our daily lives. Our community is made up of people who bring different experiences and perspectives. Together, we trust in God's grace and love, which are free gifts to us, no matter what life brings our way. We don't need to earn that love, yet we can always rely on it.

If you are seeking to be comforted, challenged, or to grow in your faith, we would be honored to accompany you on that journey. You are welcome here just as you are.

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

Pastor

## Children Belong Here

There is a place for families and children of all ages here! We believe children who worship with their church family stick with their faith for a lifetime. Choose what works best for your family:

- *Playground* in the back of the sanctuary, where children may do quiet activities, with you nearby to assist, as they absorb the worship service.
- *Pew Pouches* with children's Bibles to help guide children who sit with their family during the worship service. Find these in the back pew.
- *Sunday School: Following the Time with Children*, kids may go with Sunday school leaders to class, which ends at the conclusion of the worship service.
- *Nursery: Childcare* for infants and toddlers during the 10:30am service, with background-checked staff and volunteers.

## Finding Your Way

*Kirkman Fellowship Hall:* Use either staircase in the lobby to go downstairs into the Hall. *Nursery:* Located to the right of the lobby, down the hallway across from the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Elevator:* Down the hall, left past the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Restrooms:* Women's & Men's are at the top of the short stairwells in the lobby; All Gender/Single in the narthex outside the sanctuary; Accessible is at the end of the hallway near the Fireside Room. *Hearing-assist devices:* Ushers near the sanctuary doors are available to assist you.

## Interested in Joining?

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, new member gatherings take place several times a year. To get connected, contact Rev. Emma Nickel at [enickel@fpcro.org](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org)



### Giving

Giving online is a fast and easy! Click GIVE at [www.fpcro.org](http://www.fpcro.org) to make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts may set up using a debit/credit card, or a PayPal account using the QR code. Cash/checks may be placed in the offering plates by the side aisle doors or in the basket in the narthex entry. Thank you for sharing your gifts with God and the church!



## GATHERING

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At the ◊ you may stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

### Prelude

“In Quiet Mood”

*Florence Price*

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### ◊Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: Some of us are exhausted.

**All: We come to rest.**

One: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

**All: We come to learn.**

One: Some of us are hungry.

**All: We come to be fed.**

One: Some of us are disoriented.

**All: We come to pray.**

One: Some of us are broken.

**All: We come to be healed.**

One: We gather around you this morning, O Christ.

**All: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us. Grant us your peace. Amen.**

#### ◊Hymn #655

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Text: ©1999 Marva J. Dawn; Music: Sacred Harp, arr. Jack Schrader ©1992 Hope Publishing Co.

### Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: We come before God to confess our sins in honesty and faith. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Prayer of Confession

**All: Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities. We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though**

**life was some sort of a contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Through Jesus Christ, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: God's love awaits you. It has been lavished upon you as a gentle summer rain, refreshing your souls, opening your hearts, healing your wounds. Rest in God's eternal love.

**All: We give thanks to God!**

### ◇ **Gloria Patri**

*Hymn #734*

***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.***

### ◇ **Passing of the Peace**

One: Giving thanks for God's forgiveness, we exchange signs of peace.  
May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

### **Time with the Children**

*After the Time with the Children, kids may go to Sunday school classes with their teachers and will return to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.*



## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

**All: Companion God, too often the weight of the world edges out your good news. Through your Spirit, sound the good news of sabbath rest. Let the joy of it seep into our hearts and lives. Let the beauty of rest guide our living and working. Amen.**

### **Psalm Reading**

Psalm 34:1-10

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 560*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 42*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## THANKSGIVING

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### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

~Emma Jarrait, cello

“Abide with Me”

arr. Kurt Kaiser

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#### ◇Doxology

Hymn #34

***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.***

#### ◇Prayer of Dedication

#### ◇Litany for Sabbath Rest<sup>1</sup>

One: Because the daily pressure of life weighs heavy on our minds, on our bodies, and on our spirits,

**All: We need a time of sabbath rest.**

One: Because the stresses of our culture often leave us feeling burdened and looking for hope,

**All: We need a time of sabbath rest.**

One: Because rest, play, leisure, and naps help us cope and feel refreshed,

**All: We need a time of sabbath rest.**

One: Because we think more clearly, love more freely, and share more joyfully when we are well rested,

**All: We need a time of sabbath rest. And so, Giver of Life, help us recognize when we need to stop and care for ourselves. Remind us that rest is not indulgent; rest is faithful. Allow us to rest without guilt because we rest in you. We are thankful for the gift of sabbath rest. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**



## ◇ Hymn

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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## ◇ Benediction

### Postlude

“Epilogue”

*Norman Gilbert*

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1 Adapted from Dan Lambert, <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/litany/sabbath-rest>

*The Rev. Dr. Melissa Lynn Allison (she/her) is a pastor, teacher, conflict mediator, peace and justice practitioner. She currently serves as the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Detroit. Melissa grew up in Midland, Michigan, earned her undergraduate degree from Alma College (Go Scots!), and went on to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She attended Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School for her Doctorate in Ministry with an emphasis on peacemaking, interfaith dialogue and prophetic preaching. Melissa currently lives in Ann Arbor with her wife Robin. With one child launched, and two well on their way, they love eating the food Melissa cooks, adventuring across the country, finding a great beach to read on, trail to hike, and listening to live music.*

### LITURGIST

Sally Gilreath

### FPCRO STAFF

*Pastor:* Rev. Emma Nickel

*Dir. of Music Ministries/Organist:* Joseph Jackson

*Sunburst Singers Dir.:* Audrey Frieberg

*Facility Manager:* Alan Glasel

*Sunday/Evening Reception:* Todd Crawford

*Backyard Playroom Coordinator:* Ashleigh McKnight

*Dir. of Christian Education:* Joelle Jarrait

*Chancel Choir Dir.:* Kent Wattleworth

*Church Admin.:* Kari Peruski

*Admin. Assistant:* Sally Gilreath

*S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry Director:* Jessica Gibbs

*Nursery Care Worker:* Julia Carroll

### SOLOISTS

Bryan Clinthorne, *baritone*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact the pastor if you are in need.*

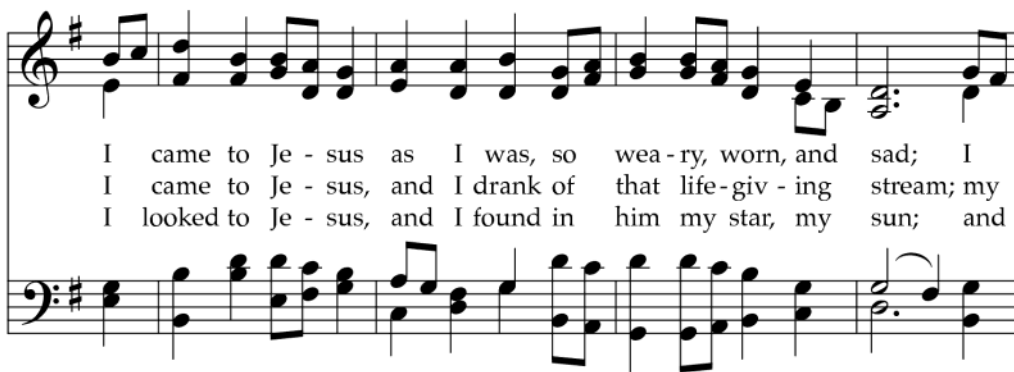
# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ginny O'Brien with thanks to God for her family.

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During the month of July, our congregation is observing a time of sabbath rest. We will have meaningful worship each Sunday focused on themes of rest and renewal. Other activities on the church calendar will be minimal. This intentional time of rest in our congregation will help us renew our energy and remember our reliance on God. **Church staff will be working their normal hours** throughout the month and the office will be open per regular hours.

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## End of Fiscal Year Gifts & Offering Envelopes

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministry of FPCRO. Your gifts throughout the year make all the ministries at FPCRO possible! We are so grateful for your pledges and gifts to God through the church. Our church's fiscal year ends on July 31. We encourage you, as you are able, to complete your current year's pledge by that date. To be counted toward this budget year, **all gifts need to be received in the church office or postmarked by July 31**. New pledges for the 2024-2025 fiscal year take effect on August 1. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

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## School Supplies

During the month of **August**, we'll collect school supplies for Oakland Elementary school in Royal Oak. Look for sales and pick up a few items when you see them. Boxes will be out in the church to receive donations. Teacher requested items include: crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, composition notebooks, primary journals (composition notebook, but with a spot to draw a picture for K-2 classes), plastic folders with prongs, colored dry erase markers, pencils (pre-sharpened), Play-Doh, bingo daubers, socks (for feet and white board erasers).

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## Flower Dedications

New Flower Dedication charts for September 2024-August 2025 are now posted, so sign up to honor, remember, or recognize a person or group. The dedications cost \$45, and add nature and beauty to our sanctuary on Sunday morning. You may fill out a dedication card right away and wait until the month before your dedication date to pay. Questions? Contact Chris Klein.

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## Save the Date: Recommendation Station with Dessert Potluck

What's a great book you've read recently that others might enjoy? Is there a movie, documentary, or podcast that has really opened your eyes or made you think? Come share your recommendations and hear ideas from friends on **Thursday, August 29 at 7pm**. Your recommendations might be faith-based, but that is not required. Beach reads, true crime, powerful cinema, and good laughs are all equally welcome! Bring a dessert to share. We'll enjoy sweets as we share our favorite recommendations and get ideas for what read, watch, and listen to this fall. If you need childcare, let Pastor Emma know by August 15.

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