

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Laura Henderson

PRELUDE “The Strife is O’er” arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells

***SONG** **“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”** **# 121**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: Peace be with you.

Leader: Even behind locked doors,

All: Even behind locked doors,

Leader: Blessed are those

All: Blessed are those

Leader: who still dare to believe.

All: who still dare to believe.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG** **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”** **Insert**

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love, love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kathy Nealand

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-6, 17-20

John 21:1-19

SERMON

"Freedom to Follow"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
Chancel Bells

arr. Berry & Van Valey

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

(Lasst Uns Erfeuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures
high and low, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully know:
Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine
is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

SENDING

***SONG**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

All: The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Life.

The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Goodness.

The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Freedom.

Drink deeply!

And may our Holy God who gave us life,
Jesus who showed us goodness,
and the Spirit that is our source of freedom
be with you now and evermore!

And all God's people said...Amen

POSTLUDE