

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Cup of Freedom:  
Freedom to  
Rise Again



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

Deb Schmidt

PRELUDE

**\*SONG**

**“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”**

**# 121**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God takes care of us.

**All: We have everything we need.**

Leader: God leads us beside still waters.

**All: We have everything we need.**

Leader: God sets a table for us.

**All: We have everything we need.**

Leader: We will live with God forever.

**All: We have everything we need.**

Leader: Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

**\*SONG**

**“Now the Green Blade Riseth”**

**Insert**

**CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Rev. Kathy Nealand**

**\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30

SERMON

"Freedom to Rise Again"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

**THANKSGIVING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

**\*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**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

**Insert**

**\*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