

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2026

*... even though you
do not see him now,
you believe in him
and rejoice with
an indescribable
and glorious*

joy

1 Peter 1:8, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to
“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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* - Stand if you are able

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Politano

PRELUDE

***SONG**

“To God Be the Glory” vs. 1 & 3

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kathy Nealand

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, lamb of God, worthy is your name!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 25:17-22

1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kathy Nealand

“When He Seems Far: Finding God is Unexpected Places”

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Keith Christopher
Ashley Armstrong, Clarinet

*OFFERING RESPONSE

(Lauda Anima, #478)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!**

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

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF PREPARATION “Come to the Table of Grace” vs. 1 & 2 pg. 6

WORDS OF INVITATION & GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: And so we raise our voices in praise singing Holy, Holy, Holy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(Sanctus)

J. M. S.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most

High. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is He that come-th in the name of the

Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MYSTERY OF THE FAITH

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, through the cup and bread that we have just received that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING

***SONG** **“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” vs.1 & 3** **#142**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE