

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024



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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**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE      *"Mother, I Love You"*      Wheelright. Arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Beth Orrin

**\*SONG**      **"Shine, Jesus Shine"**      **STF 2173**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

**All: We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.**

One: We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

**All: In our worship, we share God's message with the world.**

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, the Dawn of the New Day, be with you now!

**And also with you**

**\*SONG**      **"Here in this Place" (Gather Us in)**      **STF 2236**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE- The Color Yellow      Jeanette Armstrong

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Rev. Kathy Nealand

**\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

**“Bless the Lord O My Soul” (STF 2013)**

**Bless the Lord my soul,  
And bless God’s holy name  
Bless the Lord my soul,  
Who leads me into life.**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
John 12:20-33

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**SERMON**

“The Way of Love”

Rev. Kathy Nealand

**\*SONG**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Insert

**THANKSGIVING**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

“Folk Dance”  
Patricia Lange, Flute

Bob Moore

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE**

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

**We give Thee but Thine own.  
Whate’er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord from Thee.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**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

\*CLOSING SONG

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

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### LENTEN CANDLE READING

L: The Garden. Gethsemane. "Come with me and pray, Jesus said.

**P: So they did, Peter, James and John, Thomas, Andrew and Philip; Bartholomew, Matthew and James (son of Alphaeus); Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot.**

L: There beneath the olive trees Christ knelt and poured out his heart to his Father, "If it is your will, Father, please take this cup from me."

**P: and the disciples slept.**

L: Jesus prayed, "Not my will but your will, O God."

**P: and still, the disciples slept.**

L: Lord, we acknowledge the times we have failed you, just as the disciples did so long ago in the garden. As the flames are taken away from the candles, so remove our sins from us. We remember your pain as we snuff out yet more of your lights.

*(The fifth candle of Lent is extinguished)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Irish Blessing"*

Traditional