

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026
5th 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

Bruce Focht

PRELUDE

***SONG**

"O How I Love Jesus"

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!

All: Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!

Leader: Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth, praise the Lord!

All: Old and young together; all people praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG**

"Fill My Cup"

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, sometimes it is hard to be kind. Sometimes we don't want to help other people. Sometimes we don't want to share. We are sorry. Forgive us and help us to live as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kathy Nealand

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

SERMON

“Freedom to Love”

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**

HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W. A. Mozart

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: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and heavenly choir:

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

At your table, Giving God, we have been fed; our thirsty spirits have been quenched. We give you thanks for this taste of your kingdom meal when wolf and lamb will feed together and peace will reign on your holy mountain; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

***SONG**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Oh, How I Love Jesus

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1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther has In store for ev-'ry
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est



worth; It sounds like mu-sic in my ear, The sweet-est
 free; It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's
 day, And though I tread a gloom-y path, Yields sun-shine
 woe, Who in each sor-row bears a part, That none can



name on earth.
 per-fect plea. Oh, how I love Je-sus, Oh, how I love
 all the way.
 bear be-low.



Je-sus, Oh, how I love Je-sus, Be-cause He first loved me!



Text: Frederick Whitfield, 1829-1904
 Tune: HOW I LOVE JESUS, CM with refrain; American melody

Ave Verum Corpus

*Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.*

*of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were
sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death*

Hail the true body, born