



# Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

*Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit*

*Sunday, April 25, 2021*

*As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.*

PRELUDE      “Impromptu in Ab”      *Franz Schubert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT      “23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm”      *Franz Schubert*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY      *Gil Baker*

HYMN No. 187      “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”      *Bradbury*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 10:11-18

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON      “Longing for Something Sacred”      *Rev. Matthew Nickel*

ANTHEM      “Draw Me Near”      *arr. Mary McDonald*

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the pow'r of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee. (Text by Fanny Crosby, tune by William H. Doane)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Offerings can be made online at [www.japc.org/give](http://www.japc.org/give)*

HYMN No. 463      “How Firm a Foundation”      *Foundation*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      “O Day Full of Grace”      *Wayne L. Wold*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,  
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

## ***Announcements***

**You are welcome here. You belong here:** A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

**The Board of Deacons encourages prayers** for Marve Adams, Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, the Itchon family, Kathi Johnson, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Lesley Lambright, Charlotte & Sara Maters, Phyllis May, Eleanor Mobley, Fred Roberts, Johnnie Walker II, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people ill from Covid-19 and medical workers, the scientific community, people who've lost jobs or businesses, social service and relief workers, and all who are supporting those affected by the coronavirus.

**Prayer Requests** – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using [prayer@japc.org](mailto:prayer@japc.org) or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

**Today's Worship Participants** – Liturgist: Gil Baker. Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Ushers: Judy Agley, Rodney Burlett, Barbara Prues and Keith Wicks.

**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Karen & Tom Wininger in loving memory of their son, Cory, birthday on April 26.

**Spring Sermon Series: Sacred Rhythms** - What are the rhythms and patterns of faith? Where do they come from and how do our lives find sacred rhythm's guiding us? In worship we'll engage hearing scripture, how we define what is sacred, discerning God's sacred activity, what is sacred in community, and what it means to open ourselves to experience something sacred in the world.

**Sunday Morning Ushers:** Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Visit <https://bit.ly/JAPCusherssignup> for details and sign-up.

**Jazz at JAPC** - Jazz at JAPC on Wednesday, April 28 (7:30pm) will feature jazz vocalists Deborah Nero and Shahida Nerula and an all ladies combo in their reprise of "Sisters". This concert will be streamed.

**Bible and Brew, May 5th (7pm)** - Jesus warned us that ultimately we have to choose between money and God (Matthew 6:24). In the New Testament, there is no ban on private property or making money, or even enjoying the good things in life. The command to the rich, however, is that they do not 'put their *hope* in wealth' (1 Timothy 6:17). Ultimately, security only comes from putting your hope in God. We had hoped we would be meeting in person at City Kitchen this month. But due to the rise in COVID, and wanting to be "safe and not sorry" we're going to have this month's B&B via ZOOM. Per Chick Taylor (owner) "City Kitchen has installed high tech filtration systems on all of our HVAC units. The air at CK is very safe! Even sanitizes all surfaces." So, let's hope we can be there in June! Zoom Details: To Join the Zoom Meeting click: <http://bit.ly/bibleandbrew> and use the passcode: **jesusloves** OR you can join by phone by dialing: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), entering the Meeting ID: 886 7165 4328 and Passcode: 232450919

**Online Prayer Group** - Close your day with a short prayer service from the Book of Common Worship. Together, we offer prayers for our church, community, and world. The service is will be held on the second and forth Thursdays of the month (May 13 & 27) at 7:00pm on Zoom. For video go to: <http://bit.ly/japcprayerservice> Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 Passcode: 123 - to participate by phone dial 312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 and use Passcode: 123