Jefferson Avenue
Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

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Welcome to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, it is meaningful that we can share worship together in God's house.

In scripture, Jesus invites all people to love God, love one another, and to love our neighbors. We take this invitation seriously. It means we strive to be a faith community that is diverse and hospitable, just like the kingdom of God. We don't all look, act, and think the same. We ask and wrestle with different questions. We carry different burdens. We offer different gifts. And when we enter these doors each Sunday, we remember that in worship God makes us one.

When we gather among these old stones in church, we do Sunday mornings in some traditional ways. We listen to scripture together. We study God's word for us. We sing some hymns our grandparents sang and some new ones too. In our preaching and our prayers, we engage our faith with the realities of our modern world and our lives within it. My hope is that you sense God's presence among us and you experience something meaningful to you, whether a moment of compassion, a sense of hope, a call to action, or simply a nudging toward a deeper relationship with God.

Our church life has been continually adjusting to the reality of a pandemic world and we continue to adapt as best we can to promote wellbeing and safety for one another. Worship is online and in the sanctuary. Some opportunities to connect are online and some are in person. These options will continue. Our hope is that we can grow more connected as a community faith, however we are able to do so.

We are blessed by your presence today. We want to get to know you. If there is a way that I or a church member can help you feel at home, let us know. I imagine that you will find that you belong.

Matthew Nickel
Pastor

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Welcome to worship at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.
As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE "Peace Like a River" *Sondra Tucker*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "How Beautiful" *Twilla Paris*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

The story of faith is a journey through waters,
These waters show us a promise of grace and love.
The water of the Red Sea,
Speaks of freedom and hope in God.
The water of the Jordan River,
Speaks of new life and forgiveness in Christ.
The water of baptism,
Calls us into the Spirit's gift that we are children of God.
Let us worship the Lord.

+ HYMN No. 498 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *Kingdom*

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, Lord of mercy,
You promise that we belong to you no matter what, is bold and generous.
So we bring ourselves to you with hope and confidence.
Forgive us when we ignore the needs and injustices of the world,
When we hurt one another without repairing our relationships,
When we listen to our wants and hide from your call,
When we neglect the tending of our hearts and our neighbors' as well.
Forgive us, hold us, heal us, and hear our prayers…

Silent Confession

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God turns to the world with mercy. Hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole.

+ SONG OF RESPONSE Hymn No. 104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation
Profession of Faith
+Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
Thanksgiving Over the Water
Baptism
Welcome the Newly Baptized

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 16:11-15, 40 *(N.T. page 136)*

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

SERMON "Someone Like Me: Lydia" *Rev. Matthew Nickel*

SOLO "I See the Light" *Alan Menkin*

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offerings can be made online at www.japc.org/give

+ DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 592

"Praise, God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old One Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the joyful feast of the people of God. Our practice is to partake of each element in unison when we are invited eat and drink.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Let us pray…
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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, thank you for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN No. 492 "Baptized in Water" *Bunessan*

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Toccata in Seven" *John Rutter*

The Postlude is the last act of Worship. You are invited to listen and reflect.

+ Congregation standing if able

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.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Stella Widney Kelly, child of Julia Felton and Tom Kelly. Participating in the sacrament today are sponsors Ryan and Cristin Flood and Elder Bill Greene.

Worship Participants & Notes –Soloist: Katy Kujala. Guest Organist: Kyle Webber. Ushers: Sharon Lawson and Byrum Patrick. The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Matthew Nickel.

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

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Jeff Adams, Marieke Allen, the family of Gil Baker, Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Tony Foust, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, the Itchon family, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, the Krage family, Diane Larsen, Phyllis May, Eleanor Mobley, Norma Perry, 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.

Someone Like Me - This Summer, we will hear the stories of many people in the Bible. In June, worship is engaging stories of two kings, Saul and David. Imperfect as they were, God loved and cared for them. In July and August, worship will focus on a different person in scripture. Each person can remind us of ways that God relates to people through all the realities of human life.

The Church Will Be Closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 6, at 9am.

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 held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month (July 8 & 22) 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

Free Food Distributions on Fridays - JAPC is distributing food every Friday at 11:00am in the church parking lot. JAPC gives bags of dry pantry goods with some fruits, vegetables and dairy and 175 dinners (feeds 4-6 people) to any who may find it helpful. Distribution is "contactless". All food is first come, first serve, so arrive promptly. VOLUNTEERS: Sign up online at https://bit.ly/JAPCFood.

Free Picture & Young Adult Books on Fridays - A generous donation of books was made available to the Mission Committee at JAPC through The Grosse Pointe Public School System and Elementary Media Specialist, Amy Herman. We received over 30 boxes of books that we will make available to our guests on Fridays and anyone that wants picture and YA books for friends and family. Research has consistently shown that reading over the summer helps ease the "summer slump" for many students. The Mission Committee is excited to make the books available for summer reading!

Summer Camps will be held outside for the weeks of July 12 and 19. Camps run from 9:30am- noon for rising 2nd to 7th graders. College for Creative Studies art workshop and Drumming with Juan "Butter " Hawkins workshop are offered each day.

Volunteers are needed for all camps. Chaperones and adult supervision are needed from 9am - 12:15pm Monday through Friday the weeks of July 12 and 19th. You can volunteer for one day or more days. Lunch preparation and packing (bag lunches will be distributed at 12noon) is needed each day from 10:30-12noon. Visit http://bit.ly/japcsummercamps to volunteer

Family Bible Camp for all ages (toddlers to teens) will be held three evenings on the front lawn from 6:30-8pm on July 26-28. Please pick up a flyer for details or contact Kathy Chateau, kathy@japc. org.

All Church Read: Love Does - The Parish Life team invites you to do some summer reading together! Over the Summer, purchase a copy of Love Does by Bob Goff and start reading! We recommend purchasing your book through Source Booksellers or use a link to the book on Amazon http://bit.ly/lovedoesbobgoff. We'll have a book discussion in August on a date to be determined.

Other Opportunities

Sunday Morning Ushers Needed - Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Details and sign-up: http://bit.ly/japcushersignup or call or email Margie (margie@japc.org) in the church office.

Summer Coffee Hosts Needed - Would you be a Coffee Host after worship on a Sunday morning? All you need is a welcoming, friendly smile (and maybe a few cookies too). Sign up online at http://bit.ly/japcsummerhost.

Returnable Collections - In the Tower Entryway that is a bin for collecting returnable cans and bottles. Church members and friends in the community are invited to share their rinsed returnables. Over the years the proceeds have contributed to projects led by the Board of Deacons. Consider putting your returnables to work for the ministry of the church.

Amazon Smile - If you shop on Amazon, JAPC can earn 0.5% of eligible Amazon purchases if a user designates Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian church as their designated charity. All you have to do is visit smile.amazon.com and enter Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in the search box and select it as your charity. Purchases have to be made using the Amazon Smile portal.

Kroger Community Rewards program benefits JAPC. To enroll (you will need the church's ID number [BL037] and your Kroger Plus Card), go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com or contact Kroger Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377. Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, a portion of the proceeds will go directly to JAPC.

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