

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids**  
**Sunday, June 19, 2022**  
**9 AM Contemporary Service**  
Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

- Happy Father's Day! – Recognition of all the Men of Congregation

Worship Songs – ***"Blessed Be Your Name"***  
***"Good Good Father"***

Message to the Children

Scripture Reading – Revelation 19:1-16

Sermon

"The Destruction of Babylon  
and the Last Word on Judgment"

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***"Lord I Need You"***

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Song – ***"Revelation Song"***

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;  
deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;  
and demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.**

Postlude

**Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Mel & Judy Matchett, and our snack volunteer: Shelia Conrad.

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
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**10:30 AM Traditional Service**

**Order of Worship**

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “*This is My Father’s World*” by Dengler

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

- Happy Father’s Day! – Recognition of all the Men of Congregation

Invitation and Centering Words

We hunger for the holy, a touch of the Divine; we long for the presence of the living God.  
Today, we gather as children of God, we rejoice in the promise that God is always with us!

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Betty Tezak

Leader: Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

**People: Let’s gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!**

*Choir: Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?*

**All: (singing refrain)**

***Yes, we’ll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.***

Leader: From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God’s people!

**People: And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!**

*Choir: On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.*

**All: (singing refrain)**

***Yes, we’ll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.***

Leader: Our journey brings us to God’s wondrous river of Life!

**People: Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.**

*Choir: Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.*

All: (singing refrain)

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.***

Opening Prayer

Betty Tezak

Leader: How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John in the book of Revelation proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished forever!

All: **Open our eyes, loving God, and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes to see and to share in your loving Presence forever! Amen.**

Opening Hymn 375 – ***"Shall We Gather at the River"*** (verse 4)

Prayer of Confession

Betty Tezak

All: **Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the first disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

*(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)*

Assurance of Pardon

Betty Tezak

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. Amen.

Anthem – ***"This World Is Not My Home"***

Scripture Reading – Revelation 19:1-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"The Destruction of Babylon  
and the Last Word on Judgment"**

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Responsive Hymn 735 – ***"I Need Thee Every Hour"***

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Hymn 721 – ***"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"***

## Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him; deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him; and demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.**

## Benediction

Benediction Response – *“Let There Be Peace On Earth”*

## Postlude

### **Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you Willy Dahl for playing trumpet for us today!

Thank you. Special thanks to our usher: Peggy Bushnell, and our snack volunteers.

Thank you for your generous giving during this challenging time! Your gifts support all of the work and ministries of the church, as we continue to do the work of Christ in the world today. You can mail your pledges to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids, 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, give through online giving at [www.erfpc.org](http://www.erfpc.org) (click on the Giving tab at the top right), or set up a one time or recurring donation by contacting our Financial Manager, Kim McCann, at [finmanager@erfpc.org](mailto:finmanager@erfpc.org). Again, we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries and mission of the church!

Nursery – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.

**Having trouble hearing the service?** We have an induction hearing loop system for hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aids to “T” or see the sound technician for help.

**Thank You!** – Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

I am so grateful for the outpouring of prayers and lovely notes and cards which have been sent our way. Donald and I experienced "God's peace that surpasses understanding" throughout his Hospice care and onward as he finally met his Savior face-to-face. I am enjoying reading all the kind words and sharing of memories of Donald in years past. Thank You! God is good - all the time!

Donald will have a Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan on Saturday, June 25 at 11 AM. The service will be live streamed on Facebook at East Jordan Presbyterian Church. The church website ([www.ejpresbyterian.com](http://www.ejpresbyterian.com)) MAY also be available for live stream and for later viewing. A Celebration of Life service will be held later in the summer at The Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook, IL where he will be interred.

In His love and with mine,  
Susan Kinloch

### **Outdoor Worship Service – Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 AM**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. Bring your own chairs and we'll spread out under the tent next to the parking lot. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### **Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!**

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 27-July1 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website ([www.erfpc.org](http://www.erfpc.org)). Bring your children, grandchildren and friends this exciting program!

**Plus, we still need group leaders.** If you are available to volunteer as a group leader to take kids from station to station during VBS, please contact Marcy Potter at 517-416-2814 or marcytpotter@gmail.com

### **VBS Crafts – Yarn Needed**

Thank you for all the toilet paper and paper towel rolls – we don't need any more. **We now need yarn.** Contact Louise Pond at 517-861-1556 if you can help.

### **Volunteers Needed for Children's Playground during 9:00 AM Service**

This summer we're offering Children's Playground in the library immediately following the Children's Sermon until after the actual sermon. This is designed for children when they get the wiggles and need to move around more than in a pew. If you are willing to help out by reading a story to the children and monitoring this area a Sunday or two this summer, please sign up at the Activity Center. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813.

### **We're Hiring – Part Time Church Office Assistant**

First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids is seeking a qualified individual to fill a part time position of Office Assistant. Looking for a person to work 8-10 hours per week assisting the administrative assistant. Qualifications: Must have at least a high school diploma with preferred advanced educational achievement in job-related subjects. Experience working in a multi-faceted office environment preferred. Salary based on experience. Contact the Church office at 231-264-8167.

**Happy Father's Day! 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign Update – What a blessing you have been by supporting the work of the ministries with your gifts!** You, as part of the body of Christ throughout Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, have helped us be able to create, maintain, and allow for good things to happen for families in our communities! As we close up this year's campaign and tally the results, we will be letting you know the final amount of your church's gift. Please continue to uphold *Moms & Tots* and *His House* ministries in prayer!

### **Ministry to Migrants – Today Last Day to Donate Items**

We are once again collecting items to help migrant families who will be arriving this spring and summer and housed at several of the local farms. If you have gently used twin sheets and/or personal hygiene items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church and put them on the bench by the coat rack in the Narthex.

They could also use twin mattresses, air conditioners and dressers. Great Lakes Packing is willing to pay a reasonable amount for these items. Contact Trudy Cullimore at 231-264-5561 to arrange transportation – do not bring these items to the church.

### **“Backpacking as Spiritual Practice” Trip to Isle Royale – August 15-20, 2022**

Pastor Jim is leading a backpacking trip on Isle Royale from August 15-20 sponsored by Presbytery Point Camp and **there are 4 spots left!** Cost of the trip is \$650 and scholarships are available. Contact Jenna Thompson at [director@presbyterypoint.org](mailto:director@presbyterypoint.org) or Pastor Jim at [jporter@erfpc.org](mailto:jporter@erfpc.org) if you have questions. You can register for the trip at [www.presbyterypoint.org](http://www.presbyterypoint.org).

**THESE DAYS devotional booklets for July through September 2022 have arrived** and are on the Welcome table in the narthex. Stop and pick up your copy today!

### **Community Cupboard – Here to Help!**

The Community Cupboard is open every other Tuesday and Friday with a delivery system for all families and individuals in need. Call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information or to set up an appointment for food delivery. Plus, the Community Cupboard is accepting donations in a drop box outside the cupboard entrance on Chippewa Street.



### **Continuing COVID Response – First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids**

Since COVID numbers are declining after a surge in early 2022, the MDHHS has expired the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings in mid-February. With this in mind, the COVID Task Force continues to have all church attendees in our thoughts as we continue our COVID response. We encourage those who are unvaccinated and those with high vulnerability to the COVID virus, to continue to wear a mask on Sunday mornings or worship online. Others who are healthy and feel comfortable may choose to not wear a mask during worship. We hope the lifting of the mask recommendations allows all church members to feel comfortable and return to church on Sunday mornings without a mask requirement. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate these trying times. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jim or call the church office at 231-264-8167. Thank you.