

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
**(A Defining Characteristic--Generosity)**

**PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE**

*(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God's presence in worship)*

**In Thee Alone, O Christ, my Lord**

Pachelbel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Roxie

Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, so we know you are here. Please pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. Giving us your contact information is very helpful so we can stay in touch with you, especially if you are a visitor and this is your first time worshipping with us. Welcome to all of you, if you are new, or have been here several times before. We are glad you have chosen to worship God this morning. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS, AND TO ALL WHO HAVE MOTHERS!**

**MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL ANTHEM**

**"You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban**

Children's Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**\*OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

We gather together to worship our Gracious God,

**Like a Mother, God has birthed us.**

Our God loves us and blesses us generously.

**Our God, like a wise mother, teaches us the way we should go.**

**Thanks be to God for the blessings we have received.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"God Will Take Care of You"**

**Music Insert**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Judith

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Liturgist Judith

**O Lord God, sometimes we are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness.  
We think of those who have let us down.**

**We are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings.**

**All of us remember times when we have fallen short.**

**Forgive our unforgiving hearts and our self-condemning attitudes.**

**Remind us of Your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.**

**Through Your Holy Spirit, transform us with Your power.**

**So our lives will overflow with Your generous love.**

**(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

There is nothing we can do to earn God's love.

**There is nothing we can do to be worthy of God's forgiveness.**

Yet, God is generous with love and gracious with forgiveness.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament      Isaiah 46:3-13 (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel,

who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb;

<sup>4</sup> even to your old age I am God; even when you turn gray I will carry you.

I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

<sup>5</sup> **To whom will you liken me and make me equal and compare me,**

**as though we were alike? <sup>6</sup>Those who lavish gold from the purse**

**and weigh out silver in the scales—they hire a goldsmith, who makes it**

**into a god; then they fall down and worship! <sup>7</sup>They lift it to their shoulders;**

**they carry it; they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from**

**its place. If one cries out to it, it does not answer or save anyone from trouble.**

<sup>8</sup> Remember this and consider, recall it to mind, you transgressors; remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the outcome from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, “My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention,” <sup>11</sup> calling a bird of prey from the east, the man for my purpose from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it.

**<sup>12</sup> Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from deliverance:<sup>13</sup> I bring near my deliverance; it is not far off, and my salvation will not tarry; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.**

**Gospel Reading**      **Luke 4:38-41**      Pastor Roxie

**Epistle Reading**      **Acts 9:36-43**      Liturgist Judith and Pastor Roxie

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**      Pastor Roxie

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**      Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**      **“Generosity—Admired!”**      Pastor Roxie

**\*HYMN**      **“God of the Sparrow”**      **#272**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**      Liturgist Judith  
**“Now Thank We All Our God”**      Adult Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Liturgist Judith

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Pastor Roxie

**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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Faith of our Fathers "Mothers"**

**Music Insert**

**\*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 9:6 (in unison)**

Pastor Roxie

**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.**

**POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God** Chorale setting by Georg Kaufmann

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. A special welcome to all visitors. Please give us your preferred contact information so we can stay in touch with you. If you are sitting closest to the aisle, please place the Friendship Sheet in the Offering Plates. You are all invited to Fellowship Time following worship for us to get to know each other.

BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH: Church Members- If you see someone new or someone who has come back after a long absence, please make them feel welcome by sitting with them or greeting them. Invite them to Fellowship time. No one should be alone at Fellowship!

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. The greeters today are Sharon Levine and Gail MacBeth. Coffee hour host is Dorinne Crowell. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Dorinne Crowell in honor of her children and grandchildren.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Every day at sunset, as you are reflecting on your day and counting your blessings, please remember to include our PNC Committee and the important task they have before them. Please pray for them by name: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

FREE WILL OFFERING: The Mission Committee and the Deacons are collecting a free will offering in honor of Mother's Day. The proceeds of money collected will be donated to our local women's shelters. Please give your offerings for the local women's shelters to the women who are wearing aprons.

MEMORIAL: A memorial has been set up for Thomas Andison. If you desire to make a memorial gift to the First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron it was Tom's wishes for the contributions to be used for The Kirkin' O' the Tartans.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Be sure to pick up the children's activity bags before the church service. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home every week that are in the activity bags to further conversations at home. The bags are hanging on their hooks in the G.I.F.T. room to use during worship. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the baskets in the sanctuary.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Due to Mother's Day, there will be no G.I.F.T. today.

NURSERY: Elizabeth Block is available in the Nursery this Sunday, 10:10 a.m. (after the Children's song) until 11:30 a.m. Amy Block is assisting. They would love to care for your little one while you enjoy the service!

DETROIT TIGERS GAME "HOME PLATE": Sign up for the Detroit Tigers Christian "Home Plate" Event! Saturday, June 10th. Membership/Outreach Committee has booked and paid for a bus which Sid LaFrance will drive. The bus will have a bathroom, and holds up to 54 people. Cost is \$29.00 per person. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. - arrive back at approximately 5:30-6 p.m. Each ticket to this event includes a program of athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and faith in Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m., an on-field Baseball Clinic at 11:00 a.m., AND a Tigers Baseball Game at 1:10 p.m. Please sign up and pay for your ticket ASAP at the front desk Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or call/text Michelle Fisher (810) 841-6072 by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

STITCH AND CHAT: There will be no stitch and chat this Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., to watch the video series "The Chosen" with discussion following the video clip (based on the Gospel of Matthew). We will provide a study/reflection book, for those desiring to go deeper in their faith journey.

ADULT CLASS: "THE BACK STORY": Please join us every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. This class will give you the opportunity to discuss in depth the Scripture passages that will be proclaimed and preached on the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION: Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will be during worship on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: It's been a long winter! Let's walk the streets of our church neighborhood and clean it up! Meet in front of 826 Court Street on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. *Bring your own gloves*. Garbage bags will be provided. Clean-up will take about an hour. Sign up sheet on the office counter. Questions? Call or text Michelle Fisher (810) 841-6072.

SOUP POTLUCK: Following the neighborhood clean-up on May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., meet at Jim and Michelle Fisher's apartment, 826 Court Street, for a soup potluck. Sign up sheet on the office counter.

PRAYER GATHERING: The month of May we are praying specifically for school teachers and administrators. Please ask those you know who are involved in the schools for specific prayer requests or praises. You can bring their requests to the prayer gathering or let Pastor Roxie know so they will be included if you are unable to attend yourself. The prayer gathering this month will be Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available in the racks on a table near the church office desk.

DIRECTORY/CHURCH PHOTO ALBUM: Please see the insert to provide the church with the most updated contact information for the Church Photo Album and the Church Directory. If you would like to fill out the directory form online, please go to <https://forms.gle/a9pebcFpRwqUTh1X8> or email the church (portpresby@gmail.com) for the link. The Directory and Church Photo Album will both be printed the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR/USHERING: Please sign-up in the book located in the Gathering Room for Offering Ushers (collecting the offering), Sanctuary Flowers and/or Coffee Hour. Dates are available for May and June.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./5-15: Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Deacons	4:00 p.m.
Tues./5-16: Mission Committee	11:30 a.m.
Wed./5-17: Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./5-18: Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.

*\*Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children's Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child's face in view, please instruct them to sit in the front pew with their back facing the congregation or remain in their seats with you.*

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**OUR MISSION:**

**KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,  
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,  
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.**