ORDER OF WORSHIP
JUNE 14, 2014

*Please rise in body or Spirit.
GATHERING MUSIC
PRELUDE

“Symphony No. 5” (“Reformation”) .................... Detroit Metropolitan IV. Chorale, allegro con fuoco Youth Symphony Select Orchestra Felix Mendelssohn

“Music Down in My Soul” .......................................................... Choir arr. Moses Hogan

Congregational Song

“Come, O Holy Spirit, Come” Wa wa wa Emimimo


“Listen, God Is Calling” Neno lake Mungu


Opening of the 221st General .................................. Moderator Neal Presa Assembly (2014)

PROCESSIONAL

“Scotland the Brave” Traditional Alma College Pipe Band

“Silver Wings” Traditional

*Call to Worship Cynthia Buchanan

One:  The God of hope, the God of reconciliation, the God of past promises, the God who makes all things new, has called us here,

All:  so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God, so that we may feel hope grow again.

One:  God summons us to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us all,

All:  so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God, so that we may be alive in hope.
One: Let us sing praises to God,  
and rejoice with all the people,  

All: so that we may join in one voice, and glorify God,  
so that we may be filled with hope.

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  

All: so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Opening Prayer  
The Reverend Tom Trinidad

*Hymn  
“O God, Show Mercy to Us”  
Thaxted

(Psalm 67)
Reaffirmation of Baptism and Confession of Sin

The Reverend David Shinn, Michael Barconey, The Reverend Emma Ouellette

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
All: I do.
One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
All: I will, with God’s help.

One: Sovereign God,
in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ;
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life;
but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name;
but we foster division in the church.
We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will;
we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation.
We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you made.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.
One: In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice. Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world. Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, O God. Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of God’s Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the good news! In baptism we were buried with Christ. In baptism also we were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Response “You Have Put on Christ” Baptized in Christ

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Commissioning of Commissioners  
and Advisory Delegates to the  
221st General Assembly (2014)  

The Reverend  
Gradye Parsons  
Linda Valentine  

Prayer for Illumination  
Madeline Gillette  

Epistle Reading  
Romans 15:1–6, 13  

Anthem  
“Day of Arising”  
Choir  
Carl Schalk, arr. David Cherwien  

Gospel  
Luke 24:28–51  

Sermon  
“The Pilgrims’ Pitstops”  
The Reverend  
Neal Presa  

*Hymn  
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”  
Hyfrydol  
Please sing melody only
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
and Offering of Our Lives

The Reverend Neal Presa
The Reverend Judy Shipman

Invitation to Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ...

One: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
All:

"Holy, Holy. Holy"

Land of Rest

One:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, …

One:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All:

"Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Land of Rest
One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us …

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: “Amen” Land of Rest

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Lord’s Prayer
One: Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us.
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Offering of Gifts
As you come to the Table, bring your gifts and offering and place in the baskets by each serving station.

The Gifts of God for the People of God
The people are invited forward to the serving station at the front of your seating section. Use the aisle on your right, receive the elements by dipping the bread into the juice, then return to your seat by the aisle on your left.

The bread is gluten-free and the cup contains grape juice. All baptized believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament.
Music During Communion:
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
Bradley Ellingboe

Congregational Singing:
“Come to the Table of Grace”
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“Come to the Table”

“Feed Us Lord”

“Andante maestoso” from “Jupiter”
Gustav Holst
Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony Select Orchestra

Congregational Singing:
“Eat This Bread”
Robert Batastini and the Taizé Community (text) Jacques Berthier (music).

“Taste and See”

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Prayer of Thanks
The Reverend Judy Shipman

One: Let us offer our thanks to God for this meal:
All: At this table, we remember you, O God, as we join with our brothers and sisters here in Detroit and everywhere in your realm.
Around your table, you feed and bless us.
Around your table, you forgive us again,
reconciling us all with each other.
Around your table, you turn our ways into your ways.
Here at this table, you call us to create a new church.
From this table, O God, we move in the power of
your Spirit
to share with all of your children
the taste of your meal which is the taste of hope. Amen.

*Hymn  "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”  Surge Ecclesia

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*Charge-Blessing*  The Reverend Neal Presa

*Response*  “Song of Hope”  Argentina

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Postlude

Participants in Opening Worship:

Preacher: The Reverend Neal Presa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012)

Liturgists and Worship Leaders in Order of Participation:
- Cynthia Buchanan, Deacon, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Troy, Michigan
- The Reverend Tom Trinidad, Vice Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012)
- The Reverend David Shinn, Pastor, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Southfield, Michigan
- Michael Barconey, First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Michigan
- The Reverend Emma Ouellette, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Northville, Michigan
- The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk, PC(USA), Louisville, Kentucky
- Linda Valentine, Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Agency, PC(USA), Louisville, Kentucky
- Madeline Gillette, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, Michigan
- The Reverend Judy Shipman, Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Detroit, Honorably Retired

Musicians:
- Alma College Pipe Band; Director, Andrew Duncan
- Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony Select Orchestra; Conductor, Geoffrey Benes
- General Assembly Choir; Director, Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Director of Choral Activities, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Mark Stone, Percussion and World Music Programs, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan
Organists:
James Biery, Minister of Music & Organist, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
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Vocalists:
Ronald Perkins Jr., Director of Choral Activities, Martin Luther King Jr. High School, Detroit, Michigan
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Dancers: Presbytery of Detroit Liturgical Dance Ensemble, Director, Judith Sheldon, Fort Street Church, Detroit, Michigan

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Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony is one of the oldest youth symphonies in the state of Michigan founded in 1982 and located in Southeast Michigan; it draws its membership from four counties. Detroit MYS is comprised of four student orchestras, has students ranging in age from 8 to 18, and encourages growth and musical development of its students. Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony is a non-profit organization and run by volunteers; the professional conductors, selected from among the area’s elite orchestra programs, are musicians chosen for their expertise in working with young people.

The Alma College Pipe Band has become an iconic symbol for the college. Bagpipers are part of every formal college ceremony throughout the school year – from welcoming convocation through commencement. The Pipe Band has a full performance and competition schedule. Recently, members placed first in Grade Five at the Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival, their second competition since the band was formed. Andrew Duncan is the Alma College Pipe Band Director and Co-Coordinator of Highland Arts.

The Worship Committee of the Committee on Local Arrangements offers its thanks to the Evola Music Center for their gracious loan of our organ and keyboard for all of the worship services during General Assembly. Special thanks to owner Jim Evola and to Lance Luce, the Allen Organ Specialist. Our worship services would sound very different without their gracious permission to use their instruments.

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Kevin Kwiatkowski of Pewabic Pottery is the ceramic artist who created the porcelain communion ware made for the 221st General Assembly (2014). The slightly translucent glaze on the chalice and plate was formulated especially for the General Assembly. A reminder of our baptism, it suggests the waters of the Detroit River. Shades of green and blue are accented by the white from where the glaze runs, just as white shows atop the waves in the river. Rich blue on the inside of the communion ware emulates the deeper parts of the river. Together the pieces represent strength amid constant change.

Kevin Kwiatkowski resides in Detroit. For the communion ware he created a form that reflects the strength and resilience of the city. The water ripple stamp represents the constant change and evolution.