



The **First**
Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor



RESILIENCE

February 5– February 26
Sundays 9 & 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 5, 2017



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Robert K. Livingston Senior Minister
Darcy A. Crain-Polly Associate Minister

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Chapel Communion: 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

Silent Meditation “Life is so hard because it gives us the test first, then the lesson” -- Author Unknown

Prelude Organ verses from the 'Magnificat' (Luke: 46-55)
Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Timothy L. Huth, Organist

Celebration of Community Rev. Bob Livingston

* **Processional Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” See Insert

* **Call to Worship** Pat Brown

One: Give thanks and praise and adoration to God, for God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love and mercy endures forever!

One: Know that God is God. It is God who made us and we are God’s. We are God’s people. We are eternally loved.

All: For God is grace and sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

One: Let us worship God together. Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Invocation (in unison)** Loving and gracious God, whose goodness is great and whose mercies are innumerable, we gather this morning in community with one another to seek you in the

quietness and sacredness of this place. May we hear once again the good news of your love for us and for the whole family of earth. Touch our hearts, challenge our minds, nourish our souls, and inspire our lives that we may, with the courage of our convictions, walk the positive way of faith, through Jesus Christ, who taught us when praying to say together...

* Lord's Prayer
(in unison)

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.

* Gloria Patri
(in unison)

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.

Children's Circle

Rev. Bob Livingston

(All children are invited to the chapel for worship then immediately downstairs to church school following children's circle.)

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences
and Offertory

Rev. Bob Livingston

Anthem

"Steal Away"

James Nissen, Director of Music

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Bob Livingston

We Grow in Our Faith

Hymn of Preparation	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	Hymnal #23
Readings	Genesis 32:22-32	
Sermon	“Resilience: Jacob Wrestling”	Rev. Bob Livingston
Solo	“He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands”	Paul Fossum, soloist Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Bob Livingston
Choral Response		
* Recessional Hymn	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	Hymnal #472
Charge and Benediction		Rev. Bob Livingston
Choral Benediction		
* Postlude	Organ verses from the 'Magnificat' (Luke: 46-55) Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)	Timothy L. Huth, Organist

* Congregation Standing

(Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.)

The postlude music is the concluding part of worship. Following the service, we invite you to join us upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and fellowship during Friendship Hour!

Flowers on the Communion table are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our beautiful church by Leslie & Rich Westbury.