

# THE VOICE

July 4, 2021

6th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

If we live by the Spirit,  
let's follow the Spirit.



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## Freedom in Christ

Prelude	Romance Op. 28 #2	Schumann
Pastoral Welcome		Barry Petrucci
Call To Worship		Lisa Drzick
Songs	The Way Take My Life (and Let It Be)	New Life Team
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Baptismal Covenant		Paul Daniel Davenport & Family
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn	I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry	
Scripture	Galatians 5:13-25	
Message	Freedom in Christ	Jess Davenport
Invitation to Offering		
Special Music/Offering	Child of Tomorrow	Elaina Trantham
Dedication		
Hymn	Hymn of Promise	
Closing Liturgy		
Song	This Little Light of Mine	
Blessing		
Postlude	Arabeske Op. 18	Schumann

## Vacation Bible School Begins This Week!

- July 6-8 (Tuesday–Thursday) 6-8 pm
- July 19-21 (Monday–Wednesday) 6-8 pm

The first session of Vacation Bible School begins Tuesday, July 6. Rising Preschoolers—5th graders are welcome to come for games, stories, songs, and snacks, all centered around the theme “Beach Party!” There are just a few spots left. Please go to [pchum.org/vbs](http://pchum.org/vbs) to register. The next session of Vacation Bible School is happening July 19-21, so if you can't make it this week, come to the next one—“God In Motion!”

## Vacation Bible School is for Older Kids, too!

### Youth VBS

- July 19-21
- 6–8 pm in Room 108

Pastor Jess will lead a session of VBS just for youth in grades 6-12. Games, a mission project, and ideas for future youth events are all part of the plan – ice cream, too!

Please register for Vacation Bible School by going to [pchum.org/vbs](http://pchum.org/vbs).

**Adult VBS** has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

## Worship in the Garden—with Communion

- Sunday, July 4 at 6 pm

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come worship together outside on the church lawn. Outdoor worship is happening the first Sunday of each month through the summer. There will be music, prayer, a time for devotion, and Communion. We hope to see you there!

## Preschool News

Portage Chapel Hill Church is very pleased to announce the formation of **Chapel Hill Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool!**

Since the announcement in early spring that CHUM Preschool would be closing, conversations have been had about the need for preschool in the community, with particular focus on families who have felt excluded from other preschools in the area. A Preschool Development team was formed, and with the full support of Chapel Hill's Guidance Board, Finance, and Facilities Teams, a new progressive faith-based preschool at Portage Chapel Hill Church for Fall 2021 is becoming a reality.

Details are still being worked out, but we want to start getting the word out to the community. If you or someone you know has a preschool-aged child and would like to know more about Kaleidoscope Kids, please email the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

### Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill  
7028 Oakland Dr.  
Portage MI 49024

### Give Online:

[pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give)

### Give On Realm:

[onrealm.org/pchum](http://onrealm.org/pchum)

### Text-To-Give:

Text “PCHUM” to  
**73256**

## Chapel Hill Welcomes

### Kalamazoo Children's Chorus

Kalamazoo Children's Chorus (KCC) has made Portage Chapel Hill Church their new home. This last week they officially moved into the church building, sharing office space with Chancel Choir director Fred Sang. KCC is open to all kids and youth from age 8-18. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights during the school year. If you know of a young person entering grades 2-12 who may be interested in getting a taste of KCC, they are holding a summer camp July 19-22 from 9 am—Noon at Celery Flats in Portage. For more information about the chorus, how to sign up for camp, or how to audition for the 2021-2022 season, please visit [kalamazoochildrenschorus.org](http://kalamazoochildrenschorus.org).

Portage Chapel Hill Church is excited to have Kalamazoo Children's Chorus as a new Partner in Ministry.

### Sacred Space Design

The Sacred Space—the area at the front of the Sanctuary which includes the altar table — is decorated this week with the baptism of Paul Daniel Davenport in mind. The entire space has been designed for Pentecost, the season in which Christians celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples in the form of flames. Red, orange, and yellow fabrics, as well as a lovely rainbow fabric, have been used this last month on the altar. This particular fabric looks like flowing fire, making it appropriate for Pentecost. It also honors and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community during National Pride month. The reproduction of Rodin's "The Cathedral" sculpture represents God's hands as it holds the rainbow fabric and lets it flow to the second hand sculpture depicting "I Love You" in American Sign Language. It is on the altar to remind us that God's love flows and surrounds the child being baptized, as well as all of us.

## Sunday Night Youth Group

- Sunday, July 11 from 7—8:30 pm

Sunday Night Youth Group will continue through July and into August! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come to the church Sunday nights from 7—8:30 pm for outdoor games, snacks and fun. We will not be meeting Sunday, July 4. Contact Pastor Jess at [jessdavenport@pchum.org](mailto:jessdavenport@pchum.org) if you have any questions.

## Office Closed for the Holiday

- Monday, July 5

The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4 holiday on Monday, July 5.

Some folks may not know that the church office staff is back to working in the building and regular church office hours have resumed. Office hours are Monday—Thursday from 9 am—2 pm. The front doors are remaining locked for now, so if you stop by the office please ring the doorbell.

## Flood Clean-Up Assistance

The last week and a half has brought severe flooding to Michigan, particularly to the Detroit area. If you would like to contribute toward the clean-up process, please consider sending a financial gift to:

Michigan Conference Disaster Response Fund  
1161 East Clark Rd., Suite 212  
DeWitt, MI 48820

Please include **#4407 Michigan Area Disaster Response** in the memo line of your check.

You may also give to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which takes over after the immediate response and helps with long-term recovery. Visit [pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give) and find UMCOR under the Faith In Action section.

# Chapel Hill Church Opportunities!

Ministry: "Those acts of caring and support done as followers of Christ to benefit God's Kingdom." Yes, that is my casual definition of a word that gets attached way too often to pastor-types who are given particular leadership responsibilities. BUT NOooo...ministry is what all of us who follow Jesus are up to every day and every moment of our lives (no pressure!). I tell you this, because...

It looks like it just may be possible that we might be moving out of COVID Crisis!!! While lots of folks were involved in the many ministries of Chapel Hill during COVID, many folks were carrying on their personal and family ministries at home, at work, in school and neighborhoods. Now we are starting to move back into the Chapel Hill building and community, being about the ministries of love and justice.

Pastor Jess and I want us all to know that we have sort of "paused" asking folks to consider the ministry needs of Chapel Hill through the pandemic. Now we need to start thinking about the opportunities that are emerging where we need folks to consider their gifts and talents to be put to use! So, here is a smattering of places where we need hearts, heads, and hands in ministry. Don't need to have all the skills within a category...email or call the pastors to get questions asked and/or get connected.

- **Worship:** sound, video, internet technology, sacred space, writing, speaking, musicians, etc.
- **Communication:** language, image, graphic arts, branding, website, social media, etc.
- **Finance:** development and management of funds to sustain and grow ministry in and through Chapel Hill
- **Facilities:** property management, maintenance, grounds and gardening, plumbing, electrical, masonry, etc.
- **Ministries of Justice and Direct Service:** anti-racism leadership, LGBTQIA+ leadership, food insecurity, local, state, national and international partnerships, etc.
- **A New Preschool is Emerging:** love of kids, gifts of administration, fund development, etc.
- **Hospitality:** big smiles, welcoming attitudes, sharing hearts to greet, usher, offer goodies, prepare for the same, etc.

There. That is just a piece of stuff going on and hearts, heads and hands needed to make the stuff happen. Pray on it and talk with current leaders and pastors about it! We are all needed!



Pastor Barry