



ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3RD, 2024 - 11:00 am

Welcome!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC, we are glad you have joined us for worship this morning!

- ✝ Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so do we. God's grace abounds.
- ✝ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We know that God made all children and that wiggles and giggles are part of that. Both restrooms on the first floor (to your left as you exit the Sanctuary) are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool wing (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary).
- ✝ At the back of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Bags, stored on a wooden tree. Take the bulletin and activity sheets home, but please return the bag with all other materials to the tree.
- ✝ Please record your name and address on the Ministry of Friendship (red folder at the end of the row). Pass it to the end of the row and back to see with whom you worship.
- ✝ Hearing Assist devices are available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- ✝ Written prayer requests may be recorded in the notebook at the rear of the Sanctuary.

-Gathering Around the Word -

PRELUDE Andante con grazia; Allegro vivace (from *Trois Mouvements*) - Jehan Alain

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sharing Christ's Peace—To the phrases "The Lord be with you" and "Peace be with you", you may respond, "and also with you."

MINUTE FOR MEMORYMary Woods

ORGAN MEDITATIONon *St. Flavian* - R. te Velde

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In these waking hours, let us adjust our vision to see with the eyes of Christ.

All: Like corrective lenses, may our worship grant us a clearer image of the face of our creator.

One: May the presence of the Spirit act as a light upon our path.

All: Let us sing with joy on our lips and gratitude in our thoughts and hearts.

****HYMN OF PRAISE 166**..... "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

****PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONin unison

Our true word and essence of all that is, liberate our thoughts and bring us wisdom to discern your ways. Waking or sleeping, speak to our pragmatic and experienced understanding of the world. Come and be our best thoughts and heal our toxic beliefs. You are the source of our being and we are your children. Forgive our faulty judgments, wash away the barriers stuck in our sight, and transform the ways we see one another.

Moment for personal contemplation and prayer

KYRIE 425, v. 1

Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us;
free us from what troubles us; give our souls release.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Who has the power to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us absorbing all the pain and sin throughout time. Then Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples so that we might live as forgiven people.

One: So who has the power to forgive?

All: I do, you do, we all do. For God so loved the world that the Holy One took on flesh and showed us what forgiveness looks like.

One: Then let us love one another and live in that beautiful grace.

All: Thanks be to God.

****GLORIA PATRI** 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

- Proclaiming and Sharing the Word -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22 (NT, p. 87)

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 19 (OT, p. 472)

TIME WITH CHILDREN "Jesus Loves Me" - 188, v. 1

SERMON "The Language of the Universe"

- Responding to the Word -

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Confession of 1967

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relationship in which they may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued

with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

HYMN OF FAITH 450.....“Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

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OFFERTORYAndante (from *Trois Mouvements*) - J. Alain

****DOXOLOGY**.....608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

- Sealing of the Word -

PRAYER OF 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: ...joining the voices of those who have gone before us, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

One: ...and therefore we join our voices as one and pray together as your beloved children, saying:

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF GOD

All are welcome to share in God's good gifts at our communion table! Please form two lines as you come forward. A gluten free station is available in the center. To the phrases, "The Body of Christ" or "The Cup of Forgiveness", you may respond, "Thanks be to God" or "Amen". If you are unable to come forward, please motion to the elders and you will be served in your seat after the lines have passed.

Anthem during communion: "Lord God of Sabaoth" - Katherine K. Davis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Bearing and Following Word into the World -

****SENDING HYMN 826** "Lift High the Cross", vs. 1,3,4

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Flourish on Crucifer" - R. te Velde

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher **Kati Collins**, Interim Pastor

Liturgist **Carolyn Caldwell**

Organist/Dir. of Music **Rebecca te Velde**

Flautist **Noah Pool**

Greeters **Rusty Rex**

Ushers **Dennis & Judy Ferrell, Maddox Krehbiel,
Kirk Mittelstet**

Children & Worship **Lyle Eastman,**

Counters **Jim Beckstrom, Donna Koepp**



Called Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, March 10th
12:05pm

in Fellowship Hall

Music Notes by Rebecca te Velde

Prelude and Offertory: Jehan Alain (1911-1940) was a uniquely gifted and innovative French composer and a member of a musical family that included several organists. He died much too young while serving as an ambulance driver in WWII. His music, though modern and unpredictable in its language, is very emotional in its substance. It can be as difficult to hear or understand as it is to play, yet it is compelling musical expression. Jehan's sister Marie-Claire became an internationally known concert artist and pedagogue and strong proponent of her older brother's music. (You may find her on YouTube.) We are privileged to have Noah Pool's musical gifts with us as he finishes his master's degree in flute performance at OSU, and I am grateful that we are able to present these introspective, other-worldly pieces during our Lenten journey.

Postlude: This is a setting of our closing hymn that incorporates both the triumphal joy and the somber reflections of the text. The conclusion is a statement of the refrain (melody in the pedals) on full organ.

Anthem: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980) is probably best known as the composer of "The Little Drummer Boy". She wrote over 600 compositions, large and small, in many genres, including many sacred choral anthems. We invite you to pray this prayer-anthem with the choir as it is sung. Davis left all royalties from her publications to the Wellesley College Music Department, whose programs continue to be supported by her gift.

Lord God of Sabaoth, Maker of heav'n and earth,
We lift our hearts to thee, Praising thy holy name,
Grant us, Lord, thy blessing, Grant us, Lord, thy holy peace.

Now ev'ry heart is still, Teach us to do thy will.
Teach us to turn to thee, Till all our strivings cease.
Grant us, Lord, thy blessing, Grant us, Lord, thy holy peace.

John Cowley

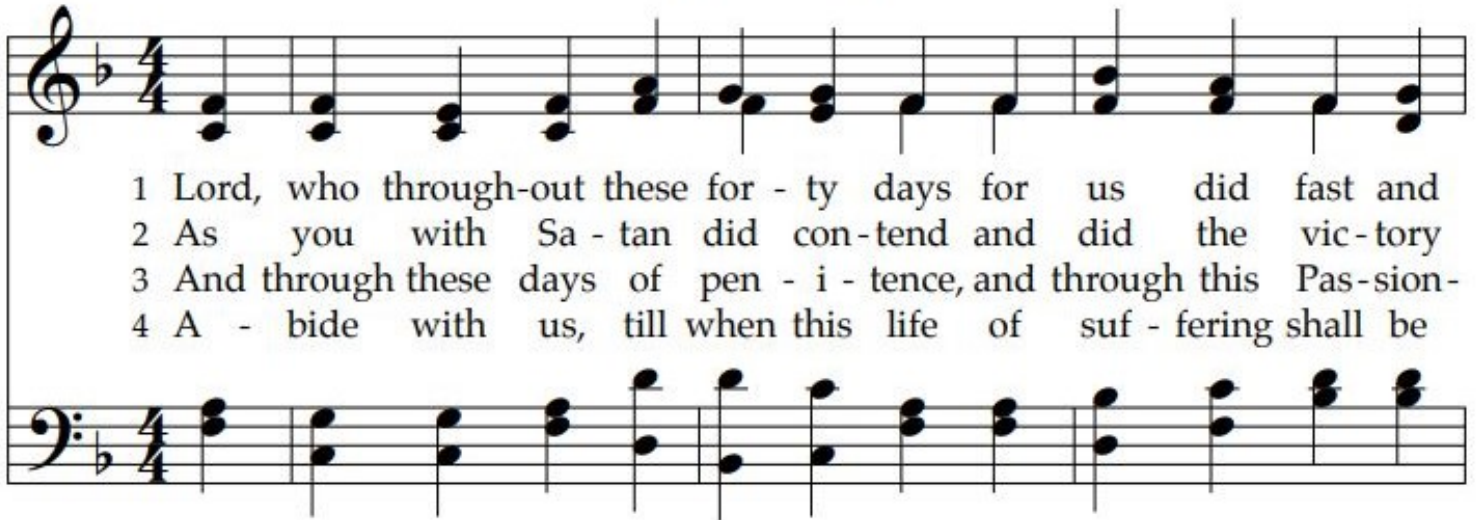
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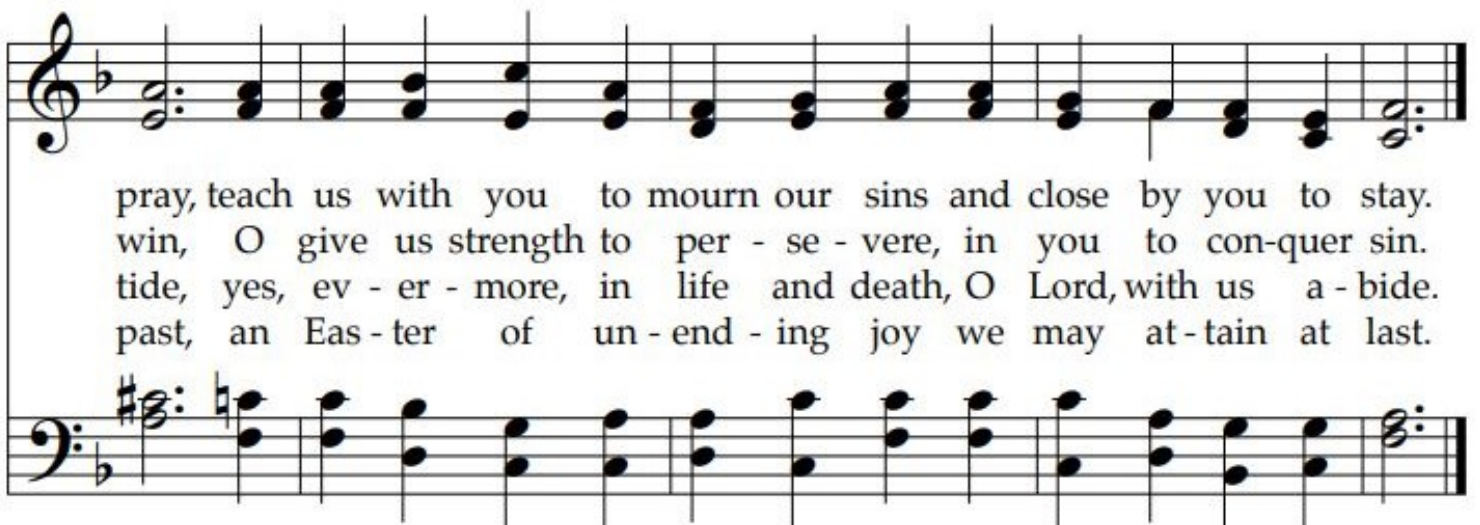
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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E^bA^bE^b/GB^b7E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B^bE^bA^bB^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A^bE^b

Gm7

A^bB^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

(D/F#)

(G)

(D)

Cm

E^b/GA^bE^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain

PRAYER CONCERNS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lavon Alexander | Kannon Cooper | Paul Dean Jenkins | Nora Nagaruk | Karen Shippey |
| Gary Allen | Emberlee | Brenda Johns | Chancey | Jeffrey Silver |
| Amanda | Davidson | Joey Jones | Nickerson | David Smith |
| Nick Amidon | Heather Davidson | Ted Joy | Michelle | Ted Smith |
| Shea Arnett | Sara Davies | Patty Keys | Nicholson | Perry Sneed |
| Christopher | Matthew Durham | Mary Jane | Pricilia Nkem | Jamie Stephens |
| Aupperle | Lori Fagan | Kirchenbauer | Margaret | Christine Stone |
| The Baker Family | Jeanie Findahl | Margy Knox | O'Loughlin | The Stuart Family |
| Luz Barber | Mike Flowers | Pauline Kopecky | Marek Omast II | Phyllis Taylor & |
| Baker | Joyce Freeman | Dottie & Sam | Our Service Men | Helen Brake |
| Debbie Barnes | Ed Gallegos | Kraemer | & Women | Teresa te Velde |
| Betty Bays | Lauren Glynn | Karen Krehbiel | Frances Phillips | Pat Thomason |
| Mandy Blackburn | Keith Good | Heather Lanners | Jean Potts | Tyler |
| Rose Marie Bligh | McKenna Grimes | Roger Lantz | Daniel Powell | Upendo Kids |
| Rita Breuninger | Halana | Hank Lett | Paul Quarles | Nettie Vick |
| Helen Britton | Ben Harris | Tracie Lively | Tim Rains | Emily Walker |
| Brooks | Kendall Harvey | Cheryl Lowther | Lisa Reavis | Darrell Warren |
| Belinda Bruner | Mary Ann Henley | Alyssa Matal | Larry & Margaret | Jim West |
| Wayne | Charla Hilger | Larry McDonald | Redburn | Lynda Williams |
| Cartwright | Charity Hitch | Stephanie | Jack Reeves | Scott Williams |
| Paula Cavett | Carolynne | McMillan | Dylon Reimers | <i>Bold means recently added</i> |
| Nancy Chapa | Hopkins | Philip Meadows | Sara Roberts | |
| Allison Christy | Linda Houck | Steve Miller | Terry Robinson | |
| Abby Clapp | Sharon Huckeby | Tresa Miller | Virginia & Olin | |
| Darlene Collyar | Sandy Ives | Jean Moore | Rogers | |
| Andee and | Patty Jacobs | Anne Mullen | David Schmidly | |

Military Service: Jordan Buterbaugh, Casey Campbell, Justin Fowler, James Greenwald, Matt Krehbiel, Eric Murphy, Miles Smith, and Bryn Williams

*The Communion table flowers are given to the Glory of God
 In honor and memory of all those who have died because of who they are
 and who they were created to be.*

- THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

TODAY - LENT III

9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
 11:00 am Worship *SAN/Online/Radio*
 4:30 pm PNC..... *UR*

MONDAY

5:30 pm Capital Campaign Committee *YS*
 6:00 pm Community Game Night *FH*

TUESDAY

9:00 am COMP..... *YS*
 7:00 pm UKIRK *YS*

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Second Mile Sewing *FH*
 10:30 am Staff Meeting *UR*
 12:10 pm Midweek Prayer..... *Zoom*
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal..... *WR*

THURSDAY

7:30 pm Faith on Tap *Stonecloud*

FRIDAY

6:00 pm Dine with Nine Childcare *NUR*

SATURDAY

11:00 am Saturday Brunch Ministry *NFH*

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - LENT IV

9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
 11:00 am Worship *FH/Online/Radio*
 12:05 pm Called Congregational Meeting *FH*
 12:30 pm Farewell Reception for Kati *FH*
 4:30 pm PNC *UR*
 5:00 pm PYG *YS*



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