

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, we give thanks that at this table we have been reminded once again of your love for us. Sustain us on our journey that, refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #479

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Chaconne en SOL mineur

François Couperin

Communion Voluntaries:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dale Wood

Dearest Jesu, We Are Here

J. S. Bach

Deacons are asking that we all remember the hungry this Lenten Season by bringing in non-perishable food items to church and placing them in the wicker basket in the narthex. The ushers will bring the basket forward along with the offering plates as we offer our gifts to God.

Is there someone you would like to remember or honor this Easter? You may use the envelopes in the pews to provide us with your donations and names of those to be remembered. Checks should be made out to *First Presbyterian Church* with "*Easter Flowers*" in the memo line. Place the envelope in the offering plate.
Donations and names must be in to church office by Monday, April 10th.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude on Ellacombe (Hymn 297)

A Welsh Hymn (Hymn 309)

The King of Heaven (Hymn 1)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

John Carter

Arthur Frackenpohl

Andrews/A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

Lyric Psalm

Carl Bingle, organ

George Blake

INTROIT

Let Us All Things Now Living

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Youth Handbells

arr. Traditional

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CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 32 (Nan C. Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*)

Leader: Blessed are you whose wrongdoings have been forgiven, whose shame has been forgotten.

People: Blessed are you in whom Love Divine finds a home, and whose spirit radiates truth.

Many are the heartaches of those separated from Love;

Steadfast love abides with those who surrender their lives into the hands of the Beloved.

Be glad and rejoice! Let your life give witness to Love's Way;

And shout for joy; all you upright of heart!

*HYMN #648

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, Waiting God, how we have sinned against you. We treat others as strangers, not as our sisters and brothers. Like the elder son, we become green-eyed with jealousy when you throw your arms around those who are different from us. We are quick to see the faults of others but do not recognize our own brokenness. Forgive us for hurting one another. Forgive us for saying we love you and yet failing to act on that love. Like those who are lost and now are found, we long to be restored to you and receive your welcome. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

When we feel lost, we turn, and in that turning notice God coming towards us, welcoming us, forgiving us, enfolding us in an embrace that will never be broken. The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*HIS GLORIOUS NAME - Hymnal #130

His glorious name shall be called Wonderful. His matchless name shall be called Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity. The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity.

LITURGIST WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (New Testament, page 181 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

There is Always a Place at the Table

The Gaithers

FPC Quintet: Nancy Boynton, Clancy Cox, Jenny Whitenack,
John Willaman, David Elmer

CHILDREN'S TIME

“Welcome Home”

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School. Please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

Hymn #209

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (New Testament, page 78-79 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Being Welcomed Home”

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

*HYMN #489

Pass Me Not

PASS ME NOT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's word of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity.

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

We believe that Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Medley of the Cross

Anna Laura Page

*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who welcomes us home.

We open them to our God who runs to embrace us with grace.

Sing glad songs to the One who provides this feast.

We join in singing to God who throws a party for us in this place.

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

“Holy, Holy,” verse 1 Hymnal #69