

SENDING

***HYMN #389**

Spirit of the Living God

IVERSON

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Salley Gardens/Meeting of the Waters
Trillium String Trio

traditional Celtic

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* *Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Sheebeg Sheemore

Turlough O'Carolan

Trillium String Trio

Agnes McCarthy, violin; Stephanie Widrick, violin; Christine Prevost, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 23

Leader: Although I am lost, I will be found, for the Lord is my shepherd.
Though I hunger and thirst for a moment -
my spirit may suffer and grieve, failing to find what endures,

People: Yet, I believe I shall not want.

Take heed; trust there is peace.
The night is long and the winds howl,
the tempest tosses the soul as adversaries rail and rant.
There is danger to the right and to the left,

Yet, I believe: he provides rest and stillness.

Sadness dashes the heart;
fear and trembling course through the soul lost amidst towering dread.
There is a specter of doom as evil prevails for a time,

Yet, I believe: peace will abide in me.

Anxious dreams and bitter tears are the bread and the cup.
Worry and envy never cease to be consumed without pleasure;
they are the daily bread of dissatisfaction.

Yet, my bread is joy; my cup is gladness.

***HYMN #347**

And Can It Be?

SAGINA

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, do we miss your point? Do we think of relationship with you as something to be exploited, an advertisement of how important we are in comparison to others? Or have we, in Christ, come to see and come to live in the form of service or humility in the form of embracing our humanity and trusting you in faithful obedience? Forgive us when we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness or some kind of defect in our character. Nurture in us Christ's mind, so that we may live in Christ's way and as Christ's community. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

God's grace is freely given to all who seek it. Be assured of God's loving forgiveness and encouragement to become true servants and followers of Jesus.

The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of 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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-2; 9-21 (New Testament, page 161-162 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Cross of Sorrow, Cross of Love
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

R. E. Schram

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Competition and Service"

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 22:24-30 (New Testament, page 87 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Different Lenses"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #683

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

DOMINUS REGIT ME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The confession of 1967 - "Reconciliation in Society"

In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

ELDERS' PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Will Ye No Come Back Again
Trillium String Trio

traditional Scottish

*DOXOLOGY - Hymnal #815

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 THANKSGIVING