



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 90, selected*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,**

and prosper for us the work of our hands –

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

#### HYMN – “My Song Is Love Unknown”

**My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,**

**Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.**

**O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?**

**Christ came from heaven’s throne Salvation to bestow,**

**But people scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know.**

**But O my Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!**

**They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away;**

**A murderer they save, The prince of life they slay.**

**Yet steadfast He To suffering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine:**

**Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.**

**This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,**

**confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,**

**and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again,  
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds  
so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Matthew 27: 27-31

SECOND LESSON – Judges 16 (selected) (The Story of Samson)

SERMON

HYMN – “How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy god, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forwake.”**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

HYMN – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**“Great is Thy faithfulness, o God my father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Chorus:**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**(Chorus)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**(Chorus)**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**



Today’s Worship Service Participants are:  
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Minister  
The Rev. Bill Beck  
Mr. Arthur Thompson, organ  
Mr. Ron Richcreek, vocal  
Mrs. Deb Richcreek, vocal  
Mr. Joe Shane, Camera