



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 21, 2021

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

What Wondrous Love Is This – Wagner

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You – Behnke

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross – Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

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!**

**Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the way hosannas to their king.
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.**

**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

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you.
You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory.
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way,
to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN** *(silent confession....)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v. 3)

**Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Merciful God, your Word is our way of truth and life.
Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us,
so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Hebrews 9:15, 23-28

¹⁵ For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SPECIAL MUSIC – “Like as a Father” – Cherubini

Lynda Mann, Deb Ryerson & Deb Richcreek – vocal trio

SECOND LESSON – Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – “God of the Covenant: Written on the Heart” – Rev. Anthony Lorenz

HYMN – “This Holy Covenant Was Made”

**This holy covenant was made; God, our Deliverance, was obeyed.
Seas were parted; freedom started.**

By cloud and fire we were led.

By quail and manna we were fed.

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**This holy covenant was new at table with Christ's gathered few.
Blessing spoken; body broken.
By lifted cup our God forgives.
By Jesus' grace alone we live.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**This holy covenant of flame sears in our heart the saving name.
Spirit's fire, our desire.
By wind and tongue the Church is sealed.
By might and power here revealed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “Near to the Heart of God”

**There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.**

(Refrain)

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Three, Near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.**

(Repeat Refrain)

**There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.**

(Repeat Refrain)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (v. 4)

**Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!**

POSTLUDE – *How Firm a Foundation* – Cherwien



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Bill Beck

Reader: Molly Shane

Vocalists: Lynda Mann, Deb Ryerson, Deb Richcreek

Ushers: Rita Beck; Fred Seltzer; Rick Line; Charlie Thompson

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **the church at work:** *Presbyteries of:* The Pines; Arkansas; Coastal Carolina; and Nepal
- * **the church in Carlisle Presbytery:** Duncannon; Revs. Roger & Suzanne Uittenbogaard
- * **the community:** Otterbein United Methodist (Forge Road)
- * **the congregation (at random):** Barbara Boyer; Jean Ann Jacoby

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

~ **Wednesday, 10 AM-2 PM:** Call the church office to reserve a seat for in-person worship, 717-243-4612.

~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Bible Study (Zoom)

~ **Thursday, 2 PM:** Faith Circle (Fellowship Hall)



THE “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” SPECIAL OFFERING will be received next Sunday – Palm Sunday. If you wish to support this annual PC (USA) offering but will not be attending worship in-person, you may mail in your donation. **Make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church” with “OGHS” on the memo line.** 100% of this offering is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for their distribution as follows: 36% to the Presbyterian Hunger Program; 32% to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; and 32% to the Self-Development of People. Read more at presbyterianmission.org/oghs.

NEXT SUNDAY . . . Palm Sunday . . . March 28, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP, 10:45 AM (by reservation): Sunday morning worship will continue to be recorded & posted by 1 PM on the church website, church Facebook page, and YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”). The “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering will be received.



IN-PERSON HOLY WEEK & EASTER (by reservation (717-243-4612))

Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday	7 PM	Worship, with Communion
Friday, April 2	Good Friday	7 PM	Worship
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunrise Service	7:30 AM	Worship on church lawn (bring chairs & mask)
Sunday, April 4	Easter	10:45 AM	Worship, with Communion



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
 The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
 The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
 Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
 Arthur Thompson, Organist
 Ron Richcreek, Music Director
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