

March 3, 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" (BWV 618)

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE INTROIT

"O Gracious Light"

Katherine Webb

O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven.

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the rising of the sun, and our eyes behold the morning light,

we sing thy praises, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices.

O Son of God, O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

One The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

All The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

One They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey.

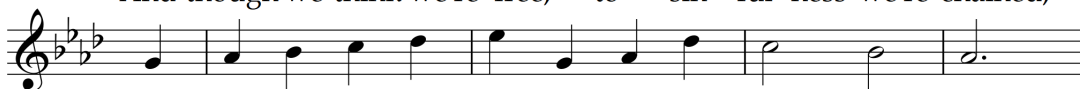
All In keeping them is great reward.

***THE OPENING HYMN**
"Proclaim to All the Earth"

Leoni; Jewish Melody
Kevin Scott Fleming



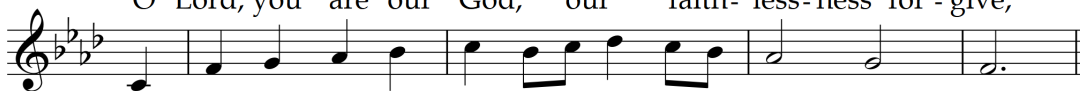
Pro - claim to all the earth, that God a - lone is Lord.
From Eg - ypt's de - sert lands, where cit - ies rose from sand,
To Si - nai's ho - ly hill, with trum - pet blast and smoke,
And though we think we're free, to sin - ful - ness we're chained,



Let God a - lone be wor - ship'd now and ev - er - more.
God led the slaves of Is - ra - el with might - y hand.
the Lord came down in pow'r and then to Mo - ses spoke:
though we in good - ness clothe our - selves, our sin re - mains.



There are no oth - er gods, no oth - er source of peace,
And when they reach'd the sea, God's pow'r was man - i - fest,
"I am the Lord, your God, you shall have no gods but me,
O Lord, you are our God, our faith - less - ness for - give,



the Lord is God and God a - lone, God's praise in - crease.
the peo - ple walked up - on dry land, and so were blessed.
'twas I who brought you to this place from sla - ver - y."
You are our God, our God a - lone, for You we live.

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***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships - with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 782, verse 1**

“Hear My Prayer, O God”

Hymn Chant; Hal H. Hopson
Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;
faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.
Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I clam;
knowing my own faults, I trust in your just name.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 19

One The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

All **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

All **their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

One In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

All **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

One The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

All **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

One The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

One By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

All Who can tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

One Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

All Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE ANTHEM

“The Heavens Are Telling” from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

The Heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Following the Children’s Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 107 in the education wing.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

“Cleansing the Temple”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 310

St. Thomas; The Universal Psalmist

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Timothy Dwight

**I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.**

**I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

- from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

Envelopes are available in the pew rack, or you may give online at fpcevv.com/giving

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (BWV 727)

Johann Sebastian Bach

***The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606**

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

The Choral Response

"The Lord Now Bless"

Danby; arr. Robert Nicholls

The Lord now bless from heaven above, and shine on you with radiant face;

The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace.

- Arlo D. Duba

THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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.**

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN

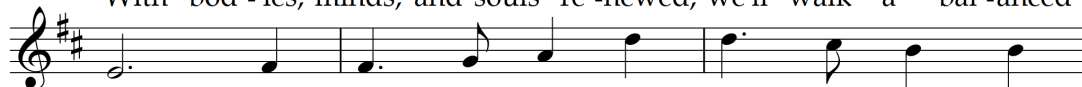
Rest

"A Day of Peace You Give"

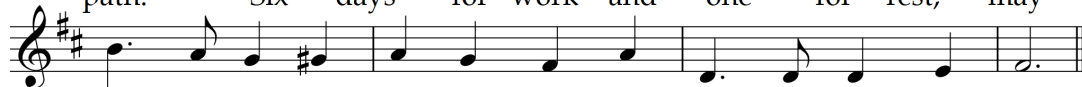
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A day of peace you give, O Lord, You bid us, "Take your
Still we press on and work and strain, and then ex-haus-ted
From self-im-port-ance, van-i-ty, am-bi-tion, pride, and
With bod-ies, minds, and souls re-newed, we'll walk a bal-anced



rest. Six days you work and toil and strive, for
fall. Our strength is gone. Our souls are numb. Then
greed, de-liv-er us. O Lord, we pray, re-
path. Six days for work and one for rest, may



one day rest and be re-vived, with Sab-bath now be blessed."
we to fear and doubt suc-cumb, de-ny-ing faith's true call.
store us to your cho-sen way, to Sab-bath rest, please lead.
we in our lives man-i-fest, the grace of God's Sab-bath.

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Amen”

John Schwandt

THE POSTLUDE

“Pièce” (Op. 157)

Mélanie Bonis

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgist Gary Morris
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

All are welcome to attend a free concert next Sunday, March 10, 4:00 p.m. in our historic Sanctuary. Charles du Preez from the University of Evansville will share works for clarinet including compositions by JS Bach, Franz Schubert, and Paul Jeanjean. Bring your family and friends for a lovely finish to your weekend.

Devotionals for the season of **Lent** are available digitally and in paper form. The entries are written by a variety of contributors, and take on the idea of making *local pilgrimages* - visits to places in the community where the writers' daily habits don't usually take them. Paper copies of the **daily reflections** are available on the marble table in the lobby, and digital editions are available on our [website](#) in addition to our weekly e-newsletter, [Connect](#).

Join Pastor Anna this **Lent for a weekly study** based on Matthew 25. It's not too late to take on the call of Jesus to do justice, act with mercy, and love kindness as part of your Lenten practice this year. Duplicate sessions will take place on **Wednesdays at 1:00 and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.** If you are unable to join in-person, a Zoom link is also available in the weekly e-newsletter, [Connect](#), or from the church office.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 3

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Children's Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell/Chime Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 6

- 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Education Committee

Thursday, March 7

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. PNC
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Friday, March 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 10

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