

First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Indiana,
is called to embody God's love, made known in Jesus Christ,
in life-giving ways, and to engage with God
in transforming lives, communities, and institutions
to reflect God's goodness.

As a community of open-hearted disciples,
we covenant to support and encourage one another
as we explore God's grace on our journey of faith.

Convinced of God's Grace and Love,
we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the worship of Christ.
We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age,
gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socio-economic standing.
We encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.



Welcome to Wide Awake Worship

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

First things first! Children and their people are always welcome in worship.

- Activity sheets for children to use during worship are available near the nametag table by the doors to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- During the 10:30 Service, childcare for small ones up to age 4 is available in room 109 in the education wing.

Please note that our worship services are live streamed.

You may visit our website: fpcevv.com,
our Facebook page: facebook.com/firstpresevansville,
and our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianevansville
to join us online and stay up to date on the ministry and mission of First Pres.

Following worship, please stay for refreshments and conversation in the parlor.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

God's promise is for all generations;

God's covenant is with every living being.

prayer continues...

...hear us as we pray. **Amen.**

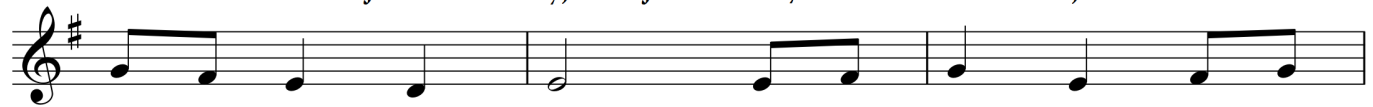
*SONG

"Come and Journey with a Savior"

Marty Haugen
Herbert O. Driscoll



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called us from our birth, who has washed us in the
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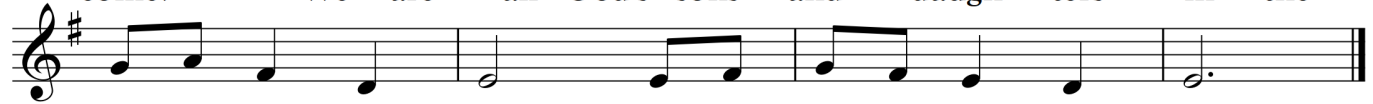
wa - ters, and who loved us on the earth.
liv - ing, in our striv - ing and our sin.
glo - ry, of his cross and of the shame.
hun - ger and the poor call us to share.
still - ness, find his pres - ence ev - 'ry where.
cit - y that is ho - ly, Christ its king.



Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney with a Sav - ior who has



come. We are all God's sons and daugh - ters in the



Spir - it we are one. In the Spir - it we are one.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We hear people crying out for justice, God of compassion, but tell them to be quiet so we can hear our favorite politicians. There are those who stand by the side of the road with a sign reading 'will work for hope,' and we speed up to get past them. There are those who have been tripped by the struggles of life, and we wonder why they can't pull themselves back to their feet.

Have mercy on us, God whose tears mingle with those we have ignored. You challenge us to gather up the poor, the angry, the hopeless, the lost, the most vulnerable and to bring them to you, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has brought us to you through his life and love.

prayer continues in silence...

*RESPONSE . . . no. 695
"Change My Heart, O God"

Change My Heart
Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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Take heart, dear friends. Look at what God has done!
God gathers us from wherever we have wandered and brings us home along hope's highway.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As we share signs of Christ's peace, ushers will collect the prayer cards. There are many ways to share signs of peace with one another. Feel free to cross your hands across your chest or to hold your hands together in front of you if you'd rather not shake hands or hug. Please ask before assuming the person you are greeting wants a hug or handshake. Smiles are always appropriate as we share signs of peace with one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

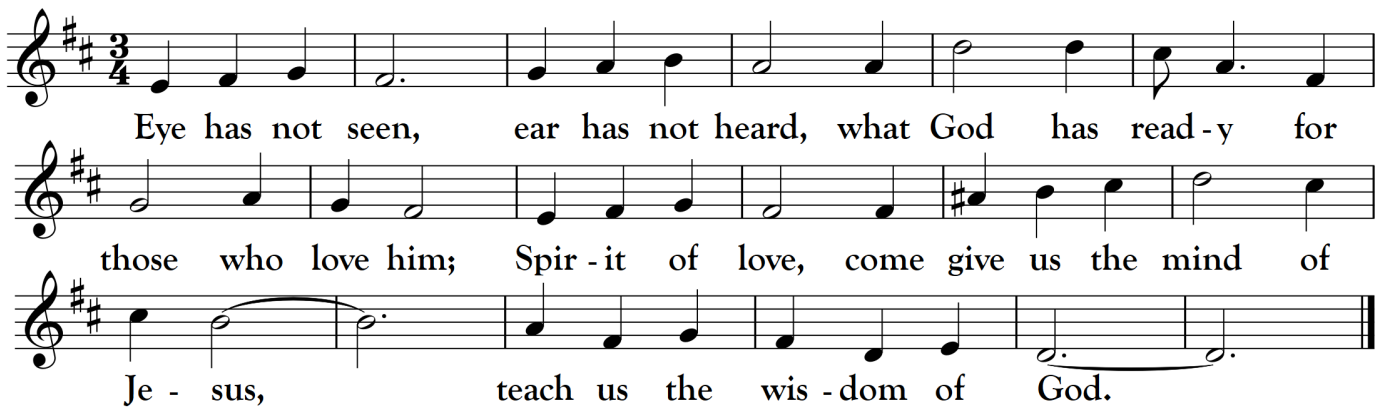
Reveal

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*SONG

"Eye Has Not Seen"

Marty Haugen



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come give us the mind of
Je-sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

*When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. Refrain*

*Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. Refrain*

*To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. Refrain*

*We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, living Song of God. Refrain*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...In your steadfast love, O Lord, have mercy on us.

prayer continues in silence...

...In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SONG OF DEDICATION

"Thank You For the Gift"

Handt Hanson

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "The pur- pose for our pres- ence here is sim- ple. A com- mon theme u- nit- ing us to - day, re- mind- ed of the count- less bless- ings giv - en to us, your thank- ful chil - dren, we want to say: Thank you for the gift, thank you, Lord for the gift of life be- gin- ning here and now. Thank you for the gift, thank you, Lord for the gift of love to lift our hearts and show us how to say thank you, Lord, we say thank you, Lord for the gift."

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

prayer continues...

...our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

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.

SENDING

*SONG

Red is the Rose
Ian Callinan

"Love is the Boat for the Journey"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "You are the way to heav - en's yield - ing fold. You are the stream where flows the path of life, You are our God, the liv - ing, sav - ing Word. We'll sing this song of nev - er end - ing joy, You are the truth bring - ing free - - - dom. guid - ing the way for dis - ci - - - ples. Though You are the ban - quet of jus - - - tice. filled with the truth of your gos - - - pel. With You are the life burn - ing deep with - in our hearts, for storms may a - rise you calm the fear in - side, for You know our pain; you lift us from our shame, for faith, hope, and love, we claim your liv - ing Word, for you are the boat for the jour - - - ney. Last time only Love is the boat for the jour - - - ney."

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INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

...this day and always. Amen.

...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING SONG
"Go With God"

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

Go with God. Go with God. As you
leave this place, go with God. God will di - rect your way, God will
light ev - 'ry day. As you leave this place, go with God.

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Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Jingle Hagey
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Chris Moore, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls, Micaiah Van Camp

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