

first presbyterian church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Lent // March 19, 2023 // 10am

ASK

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC #375 *Shall We Gather at the River* (verse 1 and Refrain)

LIFE AT FIRST

RINGING THE BELL

CENTERING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

All: **Jesus, be the center.**
 Focus our minds.
 Break open our hearts.
 Give us curiosity in the unknowing,
 That in the uncertainty we may find your inescapable love.

CENTERING MUSIC

Sonata Op. 13, 2nd mvt.

Beethoven

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As we enter into worship, we offer ourselves to you.
All: **Take from us the tension that makes peace impossible.**
One: Take from us the fears that prevent us from exploring.
All: **Take from us the worries that stop us from seeing.**
One: Take from us the distress that covers our joy.
All: **We come to you, offering our whole selves, trusting that you are here, you are good, and that your love carries us even now.**
One: Come, let us worship together.

***HYMN** #649 *Amazing Grace*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we often miss what you are showing us. Sometimes we are preoccupied with our own interests. Other times we put up our blinders, willfully ignoring your direction. We pretend we can't see the injustice in front of us. We avoid looking at the poor in our midst. We even ignore our own shortcomings when they are looking back at us in the mirror. Teach us to see with your eyes. Remove the blinders and the barriers that are preventing us from seeing, so that we can show others your love and worship you with our whole lives.

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

All: Kyrie eleison.

Cantor: Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy.

All: Christe eleison.

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

All: Kyrie eleison

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

*GLORIA #581

Glory to the Creator,
and to the Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

PIANO SOLO

La fille aux cheveux de lin

Debussy

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Thank You for Loving Me

PREPARATORY HYMN #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

***HYMN** #490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Mother" "Our Creator" or "Our Parent."

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.

GIVING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND LIVES

***OFFERTORY SONG** #717 *For the Life That You Have Given*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #549 *May the Love of the Lord*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis,
Rose Gifford, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel

Thanks to: Sound and Video, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers,
Abbie Nutter and Nursery Care Providers.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services

- April 2 Palm Sunday
No Education Hour due to spring break
- April 6 Maundy Thursday 6pm service
This is a family friendly event that will take place
in the Fellowship Hall
- April 7 Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 12 noon at
Third Reformed Church
- April 9 Easter Sunday
6:45am Sunrise Communion service
9-10am Easter breakfast
9:30 am Easter egg hunt
10am Worship with Communion
No Education Hour due to spring break



The Connections Council and all the M&M volunteers are delighted with the growing numbers who enjoy fellowship and refreshments at the Meet and Mingle Cafe each Sunday before and after worship. However, while the fellowship is wonderfully no-cost, our refreshments are not, and the council budget is feeling a bit pinched by rising prices. Please remember to feed our donation jars every once in a while if you're able. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary // Help create a beautiful worship space for Easter Sunday and purchase a plant. We will coordinate through Pat's Floral.

- Last day to order is Sunday, March 26
- Order forms can be found on the Information Desk.
- Order forms with cash /checks please place in our Bookkeeper's (Marlene Field) mailbox.
- Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church
- Please call or email Beth Magennis with questions

Installation Service for Rev. Cathy Caldwell-Hoop // Sunday, **March 26** at 2pm.

Chuck Norris' GVSU Men's Choral Group // A free concert at St. Cecilia's in Grand Rapids on Saturday, **April 1** at 7:30pm. They will be singing music written and directed by Andre Thomas. We are offering transportation on the church bus. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:15pm. Please make your reservation with Carleen Bauer or Chris Urbaniak.

Celebration of Life Service // A Celebration of Life service will be held for Elaine Evenson on **April 15** at 11am with a luncheon to follow. If you plan to attend, please contact Bill Evenson by phone (616-399-4650) or email at wdevenson1@gmail.com so he can provide the caterer with an approximate count. All are welcome.

Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering // Hosted by our Presbyterian Women, we will meet on **April 22, 2023**. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, author of the current Horizon Bible Study. The offering will go toward scholarships to First Presbyterian PreSchool. We will also collect new undergarments (with tags attached!) for Resilience. Registration forms are available on the Information Table (next to the office door).

Holland Community Theatre // Join us at HCT Sunday, **April 23** at 2:00pm for the comedy, 'Nana's Naughty Knickers'. Optional dinner afterwards at the Curraugh. Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk next to the office door. Tickets are \$15. Contact Chris Urbaniak with questions. Description: Bridget and her grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite nana in New York City for the summer quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five-borough area! Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement? Will her nana get arrested – or worse – evicted?

Crop Hunger Walk 2023 // Save the date for **Sunday May 21** as a part of Holland Hunger Awareness weekend. Walkers and supporters from First Presbyterian will help fight hunger locally and around the world. More information will be coming in the Profiles and at the Outreach kiosk. You can also visit hollandhunger.org for more information.

Words: traditional liturgical
Music: John L. Bell

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Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

The first system of musical notation is for the Kyrie. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. This is followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B-flat. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note B-flat, a half note D, and a half note F. The lyrics 'KY . . . RI . . . E,' are written below the treble staff, with the 'E' having a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note.

Cantor: Chri - ste e - lei - son. ALL: CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.

The second system of musical notation is for the Christe. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. This is followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B-flat. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note B-flat, a half note D, and a half note F. The lyrics 'CHRI . . . STE,' are written below the treble staff, with the 'STE,' having a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note.

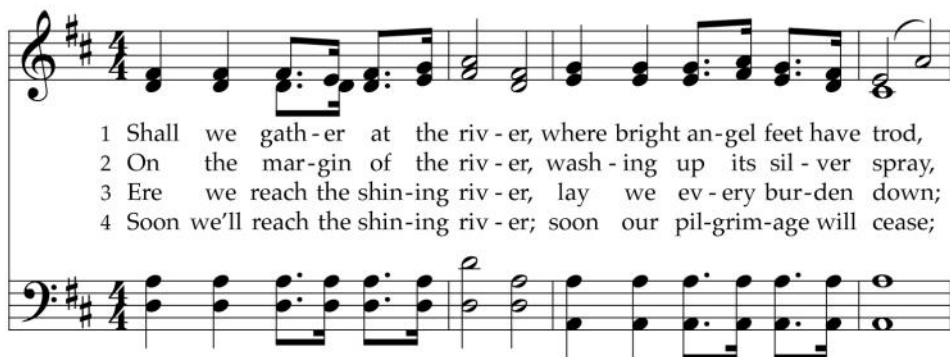
Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

The third system of musical notation is for the final Kyrie. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. This is followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B-flat. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note B-flat, a half note D, and a half note F. The lyrics 'KY . . . RI . . . E E - LEI - SON.' are written below the treble staff, with the 'E' having a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note.

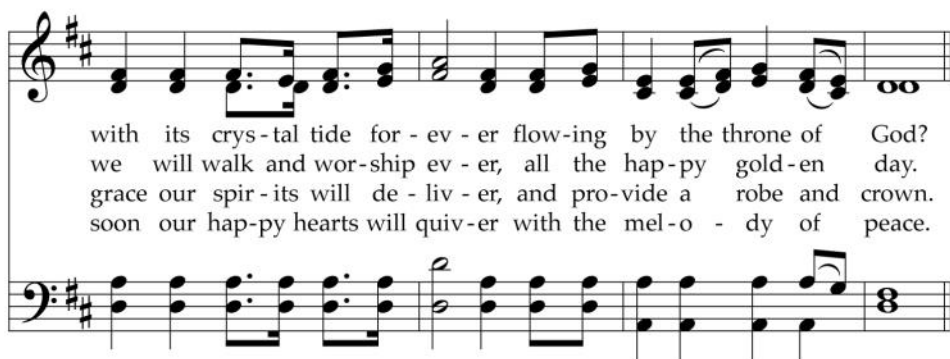
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375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

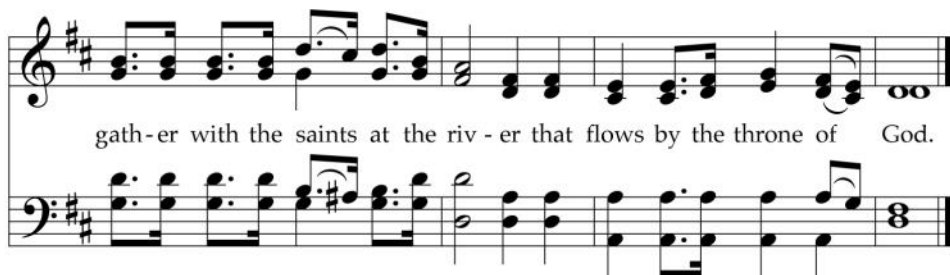


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

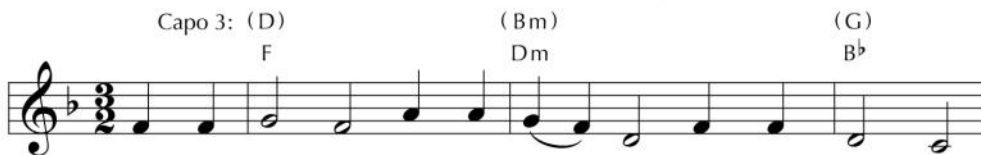
649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
 fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

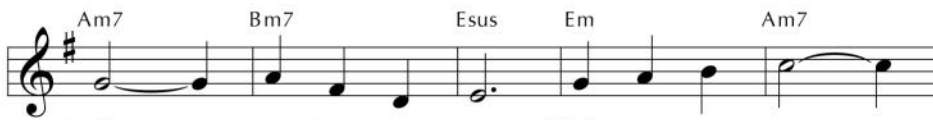
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



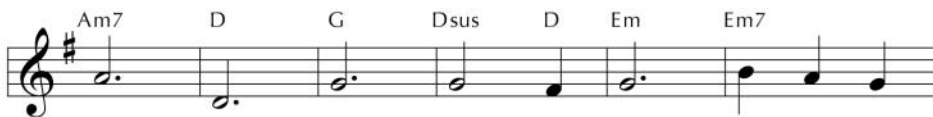
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



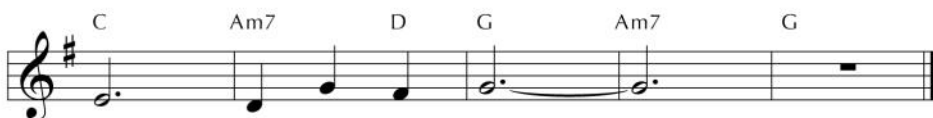
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

May the Love of the Lord

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唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈

