



Fifth Sunday in Lent



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: Praying is a slow dying. In prayer you give up something of yourself and appropriate something of the sphere of the Divine in a continuous cycle of dying and resurrection. In prayer the growing soul leans toward the Light as a seedling leans toward the sun's path. ~ Suzanne Guthrie, *At the Edge of the Enclosure*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major "Harp"

Serge Prokofiev

GATHERING SONG

God Beyond Our Ways of Knowing
(stanzas 1 & 5)

Darren Parker, cantor

God Beyond Our Ways of Knowing

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

Adam M.L. Tice

5 God, be-yond our ways of know-ing, you in - vite us in - to grace,
Though my soul is sore and ach - ing, Je - sus I shall fol - low you;

9 shep - herd us to guide our grow-ing, help us seek and find our place:
when my will is weak and break-ing, you are work - ing some-thing new;

teach - ing us through Christ to live in the bless-ings that you give.
flo - wers crack the thirst-ing sand in a dry and dy - ing land.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Staal

One: The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

All: Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

One: We are children of the living God.

All: Together, let us worship the God of Love!

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Covenant-making God,
you use every possible means to reach us,
breathing your Spirit in us,
calling us by name,
showing us symbols of your promise,
offering us a new way of life.

**All We confess that our hearts are hardened.
We choose certainty over faith,
anxiety over courage,
independence over compassion.
We turn our eyes from our neighbors in need,
and from stories of despair,
and from pleas for peace,
and from anything that might bring tears to our eyes,
for we prefer our own comfort.
We get caught up in our own needs and desires,
and forget you have made us to be your people, together.**

One: Engrave your word on our hard hearts again, God.
Then break them open for what breaks yours,
that your word might sink in and become a part of us,
so we might truly live
as if you are our God and we are your people.
We pray in the name of the One
whose love breaks all bounds,
Jesus the Christ.

All Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

God is Love

Be - lov-ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for love is of God. Be -

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lov - ed let us love one an - oth - er, for God is love.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

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

All: thanks be to God.

John 12: 20 – 33

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #692 *Spirit Open My Heart*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrances and on line giving is available through the website. Thank you for supporting the ministries of our congregation.

*DOXOLOGY #606

All **Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the abundance you have given us and allow it to fall as seeds fall in the soil. Multiply our gifts that they may give life to your world. Amen.**

*HYMN #822 *When We Are Living*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris,
Beth Magennis, Rose Gifford, Karen Howells, Darren Parker, FPC Choir
Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Service Times

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service at 6pm

This is a family friendly event that will take place in the Fellowship Hall. This service will include a simple meal of soup and bread.

Please watch for a sign up sheet

March 29 - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 12 noon at Third Reformed Church

March 31 - Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Communion service in the FPC Memorial Garden

9-10am Easter breakfast

9:30am Easter egg hunt

10am Worship with Communion

We are looking for volunteers to help with Easter Breakfast. Sign up is in the Narthex.

- **Saturday from 10am - noon** // Drop off nut-free (including nut oils, nut extracts or flavors) pastries, sweet breads and/or fruits
- **Saturday 10am - noon** // Set up the dining room
- **Sunday 8am** // Final set up / help serve breakfast
- **Sunday 11am** // Clean up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the congregation for your many prayers and cards. ~ Lynette Van Oss

FPC is now a Certified Earth Care Congregation // Certified by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden. This status speaks to the serious commitment that we have made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering // Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Look for more information in the pew racks. Make a donation through the church, give online at pcusa.org/give-oghs, or text OGHS to 91999.

FPC Preschool Could Use Our Help!!! Our Preschool is in need of a treasurer for their board, someone who could attend the monthly daytime meetings, and cover the 4 –5 hours of work that is required each month. Also, they would like to develop a list of volunteers who could substitute as a teacher's aide when one of their teachers has a sick child, etc. Just a few hours out of your day, and you would get plenty of hugs and smiles to carry you through the rest of your day! Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like more information

Deacons Seeking a Knee Scooter // The deacons care team is in need of a knee scooter for temporary use by the end of March for a member of the church. If you have such a scooter for loan please contact deacon Paul Van Kolken at pvankolken@hotmail.com to make arrangements. Thank you.

Easter Sunday // Due to Spring Break, Worship Centers and Youth will not meet March 31.

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt // Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for Easter Breakfast prior to the 10am service on **Sunday March 31st!** We'll be gathering together in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy delicious food and celebrate together. We hope to see everyone there!

Holland Community Theatre // Join us **Saturday, April 20th**, 7:30pm at Holland Community Theatre to see the well-known beloved play, *On Golden Pond*. Tickets are \$18. Sign up in the narthex. Optional dinner at the Curraugh at 5:30pm.

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DEACONS:

Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.

Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Glenda Simpkins, Leah Wallar.

ELDERS:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship.
If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am - noon.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room (typically) - main level.
- Youth - Youth Room - lower level.
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade - lower level.
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years - main level.

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Protection Policy.

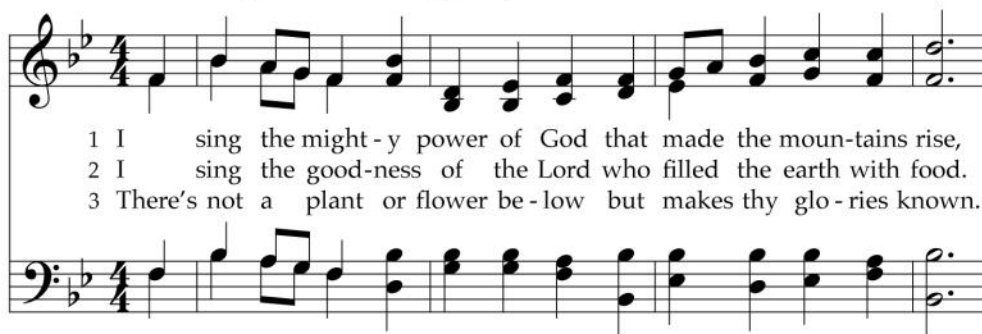
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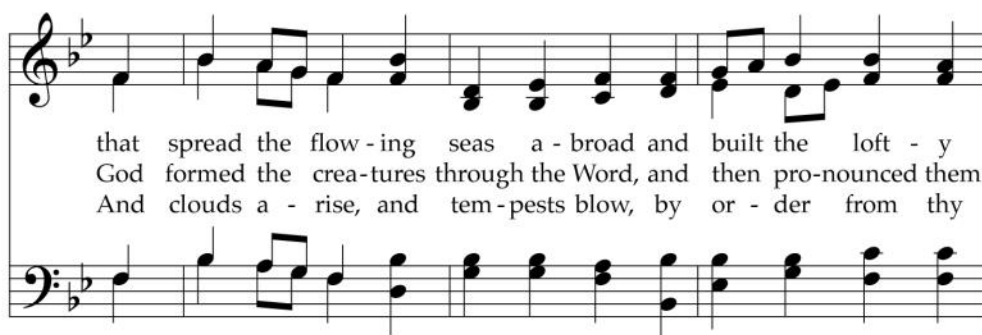


FPC is a More Light congregation, celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. Learn more at MLP.org

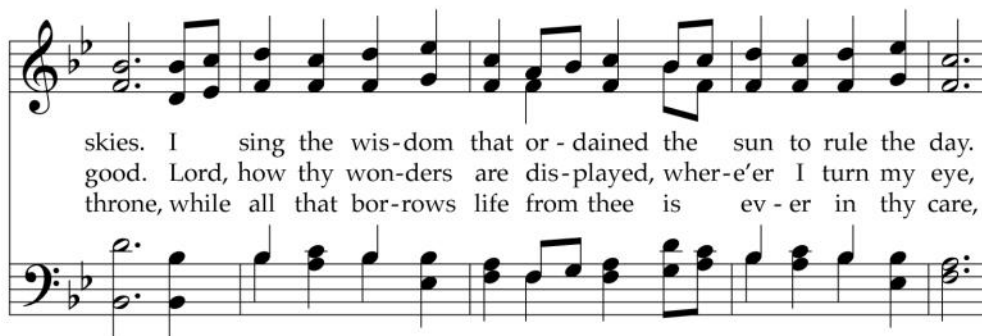
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



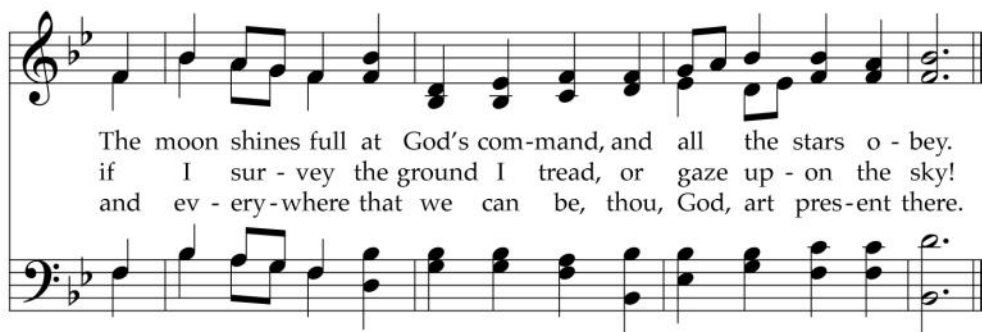
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B \flat F B \flat C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

When We Are Living

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Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



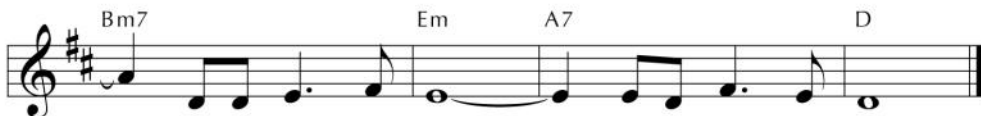
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be-long to God; we be-long to God.
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.