



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
February 22, 2026 // 10am  
First Sunday of Lent

**CENTERING WORDS:**

Lent is not about empty denial but about deep formation—  
trusting God's presence in wilderness and exile.

**ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GREETING**

One: The God of life be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG** #775 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nora Deutsch

One: Come into God's presence,  
you who imagine and you who seek,  
you who disrupt and you who repair.

**All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**

One: Come into God's presence,  
you who live in this wide and wild world,  
navigating beauty and uncertainty, temptation and trial.

**All: In Christ, we gather as children of God.**

One: Come into God's presence,  
singing for joy and for justice;  
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of witness.

**All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!**

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* \_\_\_\_\_

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**    #450    *Be Thou My Vision*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:**    We forget to hope.  
          We neglect to dream.  
          We imagine paths of doom instead of journeys to glory.  
          We panic, even as your Spirit holds steady within and around us.  
          Help us to trust, to hope, to dream, and to walk forward in faith.  
          And when the fears set in,  
          help us to find support in the strength of community. 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**

*#727    Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (vs.1,2)*

## **ANTHEM**

*We Resist*

Mark A. Miller

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 4:1–11

**One:**    Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**All:**    Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

*God of the Wilderness*

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination:

**All: We believe no wilderness is so dense  
that the Good Shepherd cannot find us.  
We believe no ocean is so vast  
that we cannot be saved from its depths.**

One: We believe no enemy is so strong  
that we cannot be rescued from its grasp.  
We believe no shame is so great  
that our liberator cannot free us.

**All: We believe no situation is so dire  
that we cannot find hope together, in community.  
We believe we are wholly loved,  
worthy of care, and safe in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

### **LIFE AT FIRST**

*Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.*

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*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 of life, take what we bring today:  
our resources, our commitments, our intentions.**

**Bless them and use them  
to feed the hungry, to lift the weary,  
to heal what is broken,  
and to bring hope where the wilderness feels long.**

**Shape us through this giving,  
that our lives may reflect your love,  
our choices, your compassion,  
and our community, your grace.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**One:** ...For us and for all who hunger,

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**One:** ...For us and for all who seek your kin-dom,

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**One:** ...For us and for all who long to be known,

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

*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.**

**\*HYMN #819** *Be Still My Soul*

## **CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG #775** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (vs 1)

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,  
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Nora Teutsch

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Book Study Adult Education** // Join us today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room as we study the book, *Turning Over Tables*, by Kathy Escobar. Books are available in the narthex.

**Grief Group** // We meet at FPC the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Superior Room. Our next meeting is February 25. We are a small group that gathers for grief support...we listen, we share, we pray. The group is open to all who need a safe space as they journey with grief. Contact Cathy with any questions. All are welcome.

### **Lenten Book Study** // *The Work of Imagination*

Lent begins in the ache, the questions, the tension between love and loss. It does not rush toward resolution, but invites us to slow down, to turn with honesty, and to journey with Jesus through wildness, confrontation, and cross. Along the way, we listen to voices from the margins, learn from stories of resistance and renewal, and remember that God meets us not in strength, but in surrender.

This is the work of imagination: to envision a world remade by mercy, to trust that healing is possible even in the shadow of empire, and to practice love that outlasts despair. Lent calls us into this holy labor—not as a solitary act, but as a communal path toward transformation.

Look for weekly devotions emailed to you Friday evening. Devotion booklets are also available in print.

## **Justice Reads: A New FPC Book Group**

For: Everyone // Time & Date: 7:00 pm, February 26, FPC Cafe

First Read: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Humanities Medal

Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Isabel Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity. For more information, contact Jan Brashler or Cathy Hoop.

**Freedom Village Fellowship Gathering** // For FPC Freedom Village Members and their neighbors. Wednesday, March 4 from 2-3:30pm in the Michigan Room (at Freedom Village). Do you live at Freedom Village and would like to introduce someone to our faith community? Questions? Please see Cathy Colten or Doug Johnson. (Also, if you live at another of our retirement communities and would like to help the deacons coordinate a fellowship opportunity, please contact Pastor Cathy.)

**Dinners For Seven** // If you would like to join a small group of people for a meal and conversation, sign up for the next gathering on Saturday, March 14th at 6:00pm. You are invited to also indicate if you would like to host one of the meals (host provides the main dish and others bring supporting dishes). Young families will be reimbursed for childcare. If you have any questions, call Chris Urbaniak.

# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

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(A7)

(D)

E<sup>b</sup>A<sup>b</sup>E<sup>b</sup>/GB<sup>b</sup>7E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B<sup>b</sup>E<sup>b</sup>A<sup>b</sup>B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A<sup>b</sup>E<sup>b</sup>

Gm7

A<sup>b</sup>B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

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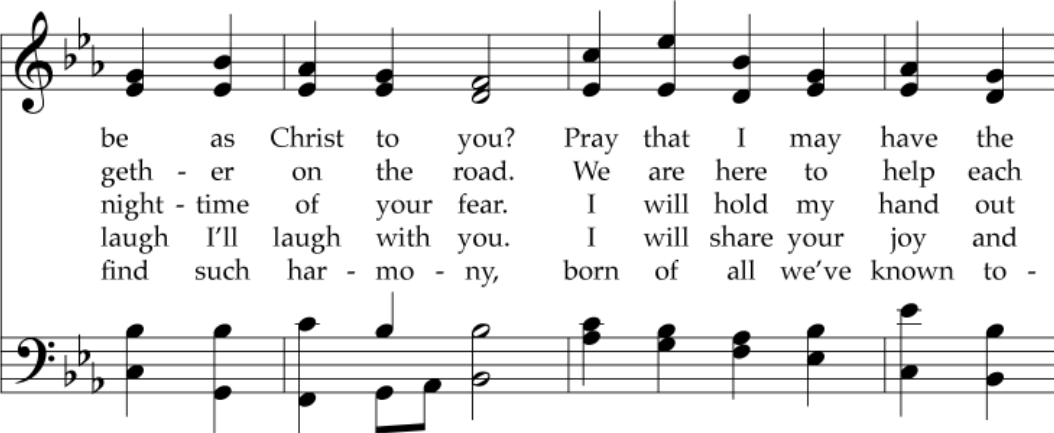
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



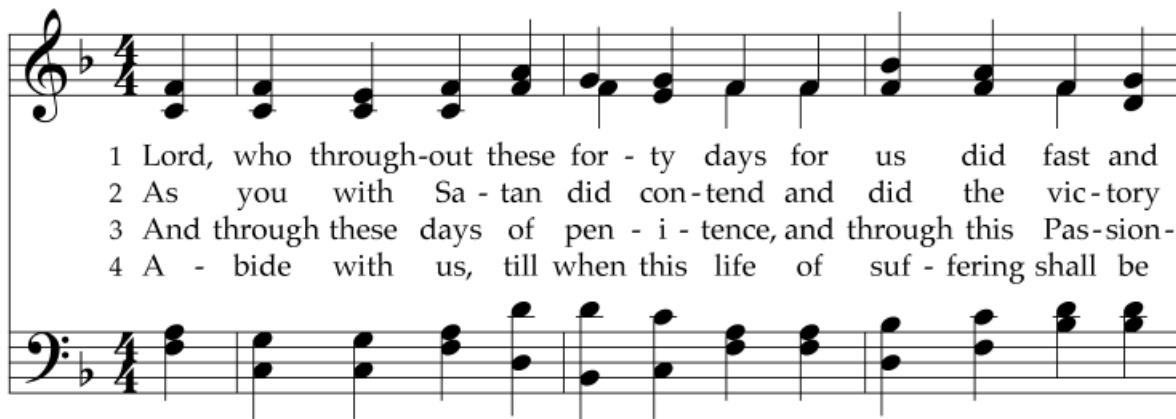
grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

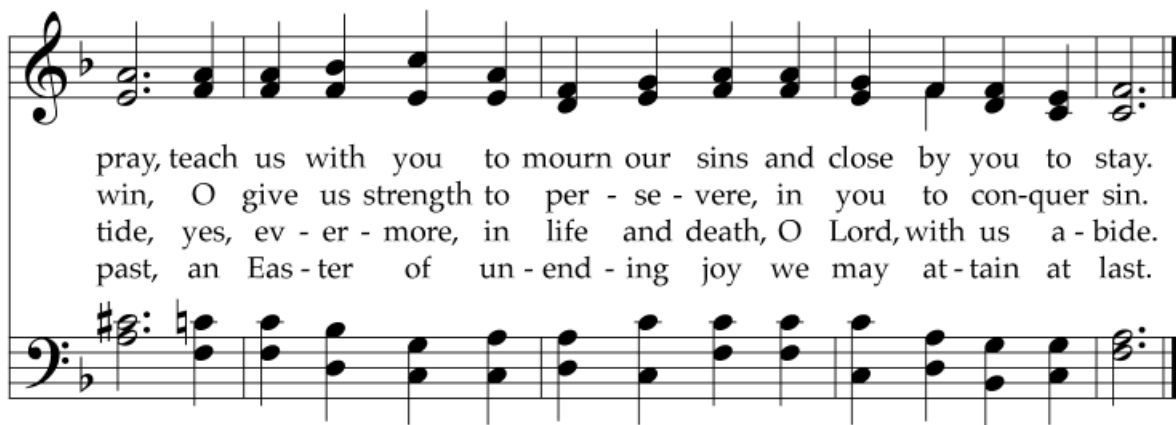
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# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.  
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

## Be Still, My Soul

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of three flats, and a common time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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**Class of 2029:** Carleen Bauer, Marti Disler,  
Mark Van Oostenburg

## ELDERS:

**Class of 2026:** Luke Rund-Scott (Youth)

**Class of 2027:** Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley

**Class of 2028:** Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,  
Chris Urbaniak

**Class of 2029:** Alana Cocanour, Paula Perkins

### Children's Programming During Worship:

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. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

### Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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