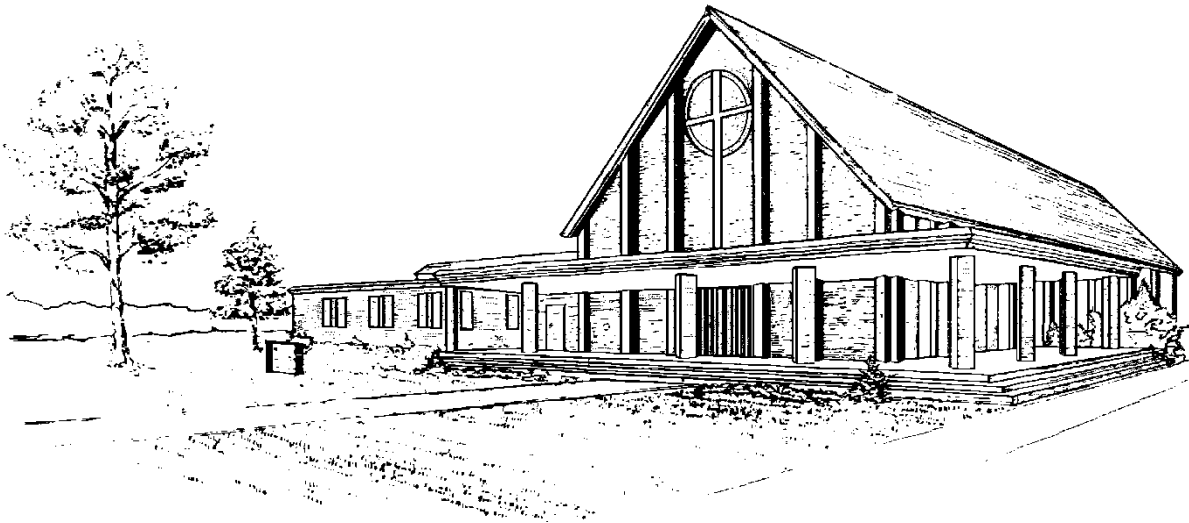


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**Sunday Celebration of Worship
March 21, 2021 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn from your desires in this world.

Turn your hearts upon Jesus.

Turn your thoughts from envy and pride.

Turn your minds upon Jesus.

Turn from your actions of self-preservation.

Turn to living as Jesus did, becoming last of all and servant of all.

Turn from the things that are temporary and fleeting.

Turn your lives to the way of Jesus.

In this time of worship.

***May we be challenged, may we be convicted,
and may we turn to Jesus and his love for us.***

HYMN # 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

*Holy God - we praise - Your name. Lord of All - we bow - before You.
All on Earth - Your scepter claim. All in Heaven above - adore You.
Infinite - Your vast domain. Everlast-ing is - Your reign.*

*Hark, the glad – celes-tial hymn angel choirs – above - are raising.
Cherubim - and ser-aphim in unceas-ing cho-rus praising.
Fill the Heavens - with sweet accord. Holy, ho-ly ho-ly Lord.*

*All apos-tles join - the strain as Your sa-cred name - they hallow.
Prophets swell - the glad - refrain, and the bless-ed mar-tyrs follow.
And from morn - to set of sun, through the Church - the song - goes on.*

*Holy Fa-ther, Ho-ly Son, Holy Spir-it, Three - we name You.
While in es-sence on-ly One undivid-ed God - we claim You.
And ador-ing bend the knee while we own - the mys-ter-y.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving One, we confess that we get caught up in the day-to-day struggles of life, and forget that there is so much more. We are tired, and sometimes just want to focus on ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the plight of others, and for failing to recognize the interconnected world we are in. Forgive us for laying burdens upon ourselves that make it difficult to live into Your ways. Call us into Your way of love. Help us to let go of the burdens we have taken on unnecessarily, to reach out to ask for help when we need it, and to offer help when we can. Remind us that You called us to be in covenant with You, but also with one another. Hold us to the promise to carry one another's burdens. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts to You, O God, and offer them as a symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of love that fulfills us and conquers death.

Bless these gifts and all who give. Use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all Your people. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Maybe There Is Hope”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story. Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Set our feet on lofty places. Gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing

This week, you will find a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in your bulletin. The offering will be received next week.

One third of your offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, one third to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and one third to the Self-Development of People Program.

When this program was started in 1949, the idea was for everyone to donate the equivalent of one hour's worth of wages; hence the title "One Great Hour of Sharing." Now people are simply asked to give whatever they choose.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Easter Flowers

Because many floral wholesalers and retailers lost a lot of money last year, due to Easter Services being canceled, they aren't growing many flowers this year.

We still have about 16 Easter Lilies that we were able to reserve. They may be sponsored for \$12 per plant.

Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the hall, then take an order form, fill it out, and give the form and your check to Betty Chatfield. Thank you!

Holy Week

We will begin our Holy Week observance with the waving of palms next Sunday, March 28, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will have a guest soloist, Peter Osterman, who will sing the lovely anthem *The Holy City*.

FPCG will observe Good Friday with a Zoom service on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Our service will be a Tenebrae Service, remembering the seven last words of Christ with readings and the extinguishing of the lights. Log-on information is as follows: the Meeting ID is: 929 3643 2633. The Passcode is: 836542

Holy Week will conclude with a joyous in-person celebration of Christ's resurrection. Our Service will be full of prayers traditional Easter music, flowers, and much more. Our choir will sing *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J. S. Bach. Please join us at 10:30 in our Sanctuary on April 4, Easter Sunday morning.

We Had a Fun Celebration Last Week

Thank you to the Vision Team for organizing the St. Patrick's Day event last week. We enjoyed the songs, Leonora's green hair, and Debbie's Irish soda bread. Thank you also to Gary Prentiss for the delicious shepherd's pies he made.

Wednesday Lenten Services

This Wednesday, March 24, will bring us our last Mid-Week Lenten Service.

The Meeting ID is: 986 8617 9862. The Passcode is: 975734

If you have not already done so, you may pick up the Order of Worship packet (which includes all of the Wednesday night services plus the Maundy Thursday service) after church.

Masks by Leonora – Half Price *and* BOGO Sale!

Leonora is making room for her spring line, and is having a big sale on selected masks: Half price *and* buy one get one. In other words, 4 for \$10. Newer masks are either full price (\$10) or BOGO (Buy one, get one free). It doesn't get any better than this! Stock up on masks today. Remember, masks are a gift of love! All proceeds benefit our Room Improvement Fund.

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