



First Presbyterian Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 06, 2025, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sam & Diane Glasgow

VOLUNTARY:

I Come with Joy

David Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Wilhelm, Liturgist

ONE: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

ALL: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

ONE: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

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

ONE: Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

ALL: Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN:

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Though we find much to boast about, we return again to God, who sees through our efforts to handle our life on our own. Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God, saying...

ALL: Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us. Jesus Christ restores us to life.
Say it with joy!

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Rev. Katie Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21 **P.632**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14 **P.187**

ONE: This is the Word of faith that we proclaim.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:1-8 **P.100**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: Lift Every Voice and Sing #339

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; #306
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Have mercy, O God

ALL: hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

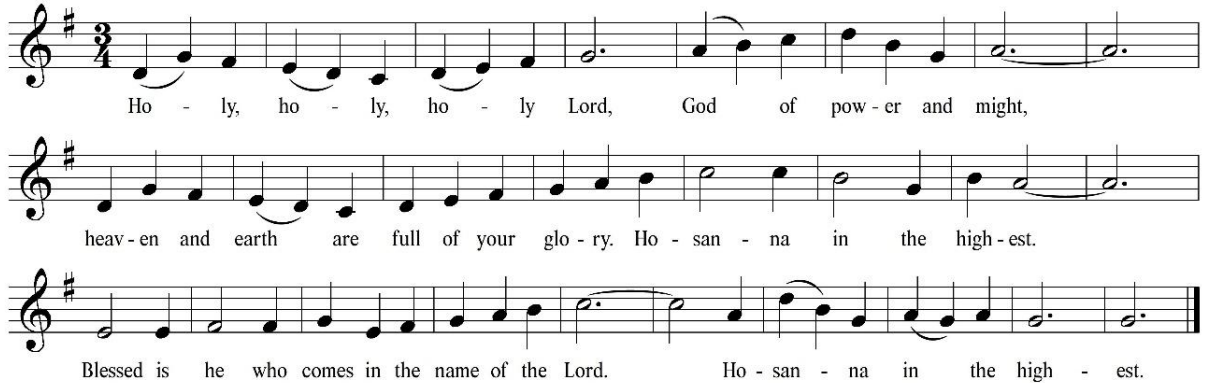
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN:**

I Come with Joy

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***BENEDICTION**

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE:

Go Forth!

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