

**THE ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ March 21, 2021**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE *“Of the Father's Love Begotten (Divinum mysterium)”*
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WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are alive to see this new day – Shout hallelujah, everyone.

ALL: Hallelujah! We are God's people.

*One: Behold, the Lord has made a new covenant with us.
Our hearts and minds will be renewed and restored.
Rejoice and be glad for now we will know and see
God's awesome power more clearly.*

ALL: Hallelujah! We are God's people.

*One: Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.
We are children of the living God.
Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!*

ALL: Hallelujah, Amen!

*HYMN #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears,
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice;
The poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of Love, God of Peace, this fractured world cries out in pain and burns deep into my soul and challenges me to make a difference. God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world that is scarred by grief and tears, loneliness and isolation, soften hearts of stone and begin with mine. God of Love, God of Peace, Create within me a heart for people, and a desire for change and new beginnings.

(A moment for silent meditation and confession.)

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #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, Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“A Brief Statement of Faith”*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"Psalm 30 (I Will Exalt You, O My Lord)"
Members of the Sanctuary Choir (Virtual)

Aaron David Miller

FIRST READING

Psalm 146

SECOND READING

John 4:39-42

SERMON

"The Impact of a Conversation"

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

HYMN #479

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

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Refrain:

Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched
and weary, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst,
come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow
a never-failing spring!

1 Why forsake the Lord,
the fount of living water,
choosing broken cups
that cannot be filled? (Refrain)

2 For the Lamb will be

our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of
the water of life. (Refrain)

3 All who come may take
this gift of living water.
They will thirst no more,
for they shall be filled. (Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Psalm XX"

Benedetto Marcello

**Congregation standing or seated*

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