



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 26, 2023



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“In prayer and worship, we bring our suffering, our losses, our confusions,
and our sense of overwhelming responsibility to God.”

~ Mary Zimmer, *Martha: Faith beyond Grief*

~ *GATHERING* ~

LENTEN PRAYER *(from Celebrating Sabbath)*

Stop within the circle of time called Sabbath.

Set aside your responsibilities; they will wait.

Abide with the Lord of the Sabbath. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Ezekiel 37)*

The hand of the Lord came upon me,

and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

And you shall know that I am the Lord, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

and I will place you on your own soil;

then you shall know that the Lord has spoken and will act.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

FOR EVERYONE BORN

GTG #769

by Shirley Erena Murray

LITANY OF SENDING

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LAMB OF GOD
Trad. liturgical text

GTG #603
AGNUS DEI (Vasile)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hope in the Lord!

With the Lord, there is steadfast love.

With God, there is great power to redeem.

Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***INSTRUMENTAL**

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 8: 18-30

(NRSV)

HYMN

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

GTG #275

by Martin Luther

EIN' FESTE BURG

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 11:1-45

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from Question 30 of The Larger Catechism*)

Q. Doth God leave all humanity to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God doth not leave all humanity to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of God's mere love and mercy delivereth the elect out of it, and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701
SANCTUARY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory forever. Amen.

~ *SENDING* ~

*HYMN

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE
by Elisha A. Hoffman

GTG #837
SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

GTG #541
Verse 1

POSTLUDE



PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 2)

Holy Week begins next week with Palm Sunday. We will have a processional with palms to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. All children (and children at heart) are welcome and encouraged to join us. If interested please plan on meeting at 10:20am on Sunday.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship* from the Office of Theology and Worship; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Sharon Core

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