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**March 15, 2020**

**THIRD SUNDAY**

**IN**

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

Third Sunday in Lent

**March 15, 2020 10:00 AM**

*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.*

**We GATHER in God’s GRACE**

 GATHERING MUSIC

 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 PRELUDE  *Marche Funébre* Camille Saint Saëns

INTROIT *St. Flavian* Claudia F. I. Hernaman

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (verses from Psalm 95)

L: Come, let’s worship and bow down! Let’s kneel before the Lord, our maker!

**P: The Lord is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands.**

L: The Lord is a great God, the great king over all other gods.

**P: The earth’s depths are in his hands; the mountain heights belong to him; the sea, which he made, is his along with the dry ground, which his own hands formed.**

\*HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #81

CALL TO CONFESSION: (based on Romans 6)

Do we continue to live in ways that are against God’s ways just so God can continue to be gracious and forgiving toward us? No! Once we become aware of how we are hurting God we continually ask God to renew us in Christ’s resurrection life! In this power, we are free from sin and bound to God! Knowing that we need this renewal, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Holy God, in our heart of hearts, we know that we harbor bitterness that we are unwilling to release. We admit that we hang on to hurts and ill will that we refuse to give up. We confess that we hold grudges against others and even you from which we will not be free. We’re sad and sorry about these things. We know we do not have the power to change and to heal ourselves. We need your life-giving grace! Help us we pray! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

 TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

 WORDS ASSURING US OF GOD’S GRACE (Responsive) (based on Romans 6)

L: Hear the Good News: just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of God, we too can walk in newness of life!

**P: The person we used to be is no more! Sin and death hold no power over us!**

L: By grace, we are dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus!

**P: We rejoice in the new life that is ours in Christ! Thanks be to God!**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*RESPONSE *We Are Forgiven* #447

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you!**

*Please welcome your neighbors, sharing the peace of Christ with them* ***as you are comfortable…***

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD**

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison):

**In your mercy and love, O God, open our hearts and minds as your Word is heard that we may receive its truth today! By your Spirit, enable us to understand and appreciate who you are for us and how you work in our lives! Strengthen us in faith we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7 (Common English Bible)

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?” But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. He called the place Massahand Meribah because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Psalm 95*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

 SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-15 (Common English Bible)

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food. The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.) Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”

 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

THE WORD EXPLORED: What’s Necessary? Rev. Rebecca Taylor

\*HYMN *Ho, All Who Thirst* #479

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYERS (traditional)

 **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.**

OFFERING

 Offertory *Pavonne* Andrea Klouse

\*RESPONSE #606

 ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

 ***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

 ***Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;***

 ***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*WORDS AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (Unison) (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

**The Lord's care sustained the people of Israel. God gave them a land where they could celebrate his goodness. The Lord established their kingdom** **and promised a ruler from the line of David to reign in justice and peace. When God's people worshiped the gods of the land, when they put their trust in military alliances, when they failed to do justice and oppressed the poor, God sent prophets to condemn their sins and to call the people back to obedience. There were times of repentance and reform, but in the end their kingdoms fell.**

**We declare God's goodness and justice. God has blessed us beyond our deserving. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us.**

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

\*BENEDICTION *God Be with You Til We Meet Again*  Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE *Prelude in D Minor* J. S. Bach

L = Leader **P = People**

**\*indicates that one is invited to stand in body or spirit**

\* THE LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK\*\*\*

1 Samuel 16:1–13  **Ephesians 5:8–14**

Psalm 23 **John 9:35–41**

Questions for Reflection

Samuel is told that God does not look upon outward appearances, but looks upon the heart. Then God chooses David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be Israel’s next king. We know that as he grew and as life became very challenging, King David’s heart was not pure. He was a mixture of great courage and faithfulness—and great sin and failure. What do you suppose God saw and loved in David’s heart? What do you think God loves when God looks upon your own heart?

 Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ. Thank you for this new day. Stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the day will hold. Lead me into pleasant places, and give me the provisions I will need if I find myself in difficulty or danger.Whenever the cup of gladness overflows, help me to recognize that it is filled with your goodness and mercy. In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

 Household Prayer: Evening With the night, Good Lord, comes rest, and a chance for my soul to be restored. You are with me in this and every darkness, so I will not be afraid. For all I have seen with my own eyes today, for all others have helped me to see,I give you thanks. For those things that I did not notice: signs of beauty and kindness, evidences of your grace, I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly tomorrow, and all my tomorrows. In the name of your Son, my Savior, I pray. Amen. \*\*Taken from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2*. © 2014 Westminster John Knox Press. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



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**\*\*\* OUR WORSHIP SERVICE \*\*\***

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH, and are interested in uniting with this congregation, please speak to Rev. Rebecca or one of our Elders. We would love to have you as a member of our church family. Visitors are encouraged to fill out the pink visitor card found in the pew rack.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, BULLETINS, Children’s Activity bulletins, and hearing assist radios are available from the ushers.

THE PRAYER REQUEST FORM is located on the lecterns at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill in your concerns prior to worship.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Patty Lundahl, who would be celebrating their 76th wedding anniversary on March 18th, given by their children.

WE WELCOME AND THANK Carrie Salapek, today’s liturgist and Lynda Slocum for providing the children’s sermon.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE is an ancient tradition of acknowledging the unique fellowship we have in Christ Jesus. Please take this opportunity to share the peace of Christ by whatever means you and the one you are greeting **as you are most comfortable**; a handshake, a hug, or a **simple verbal greeting**.

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES — From babes in arms to elementary school age children, we welcome the children forward to the chancel at this time. Parents should feel welcome to accompany younger children. After sharing and a closing prayer, children age 5 and younger may go downstairs for childcare or return to their seats with their parents.

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS \*\*\***

**HAPPINESS HOUR HOSTS** – Volunteers are needed to host upcoming Happiness Hour events. Directions are posted in the kitchen. Hosts can be an individual, a couple of friends or family members, or a team effort. Please sign up in the Third Avenue hallway.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 AM in the Craft Room. All are welcome! The group is currently studying Exodus through Deuteronomy focusing on the six primary parts which culminated in the development and organization of the Jewish doctrine, which is the foundation of our Christian faith.

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS** –Jim and Lila Hookins are hosting the March Dinner at Sprague’s Maple Farms on March 21st. Van will be leaving at 3:30 PM from the church parking lot with dinner scheduled at 5:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is on the Third Avenue hallway bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to host upcoming Dinner with Friends.

**2020 Presbytery of Lake Erie Mission Trip-**Sunday July 5 – Friday July 10 the Presbytery of Lake Erie will head to West Virginia Presbytery. All ages 14 & up are encouraged to join us. No previous experience or expertise required! Just bring a heart and hands willing to serve! Space is limited to 25 participants, first come first served with a $50 non-refundable deposit. Cost will be $350 per person which includes meals, housing, transportation and work materials. If you would like additional information, contact Cindy Knapp.

**EASTER HOLIDAY HOT MEALS**—First Presbyterian Church will again this year be participating in the Easter Holiday Hot Meal program, a combined effort with Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, and First Lutheran Church. These meals are prepared at First Lutheran Church and delivered on Saturday, April 11, to people who are homebound. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Third Avenue hallway. Ways to participate include cupcake donations, which need delivered to First Lutheran by Thursday, April 9. Kitchen tasks include organizing on Friday, April 10 from 1 – 4 P.M., Saturday morning cook and serve, first shift 6:30 – 9 A.M., and Saturday morning serve and clean up, second shift 9 – 11:30 A.M. Drivers to deliver the meals are needed, both for long distances beginning at 9 A.M., followed by the short distances. Your participation would brighten someone else’s Easter.

**RELAY FOR LIFE –** Donations received from “Beating the Winter Blahs” weekend with Barbara McAfee were $1,362.00. Additional donations will be made through the Flamingo Fundraiser.

**ADDITION TO THE CHURCH DIRECTORY**-

Lila and Jim Hookins Lila (cell) 727-271-1255

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-**Join in God’s call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. Gifts will be received through Sunday, April 12, 2020 and fish boxes are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. ****

**2020 Lenten Services**

**“Symbols of the Season” Holden Evening Services at 7:00 P.M.**

 Date Location Preacher Symbol

Tuesday, March 17th St. Joseph RCC Rev. Larry Scofield Chalice

Tuesday, March 24th Trinity Memorial Rev. Rebecca Taylor Crown of Thorns

 Episcopal

Tuesday, March 31st St. Paul Lutheran Father Richard Tomasone Fish

**Meat at the Movies!**

(A series for meaty conversation during Lent)

**Week 3**

March 15, 2020: “My Sister’s Keeper” (PG-13, 109 min., 2009)

Lashers’ Residence Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin

 5:00 PM

**Week 4**

March 22, 2020: “Shadowlands” (PG, 133 min., 1993)

Lashers’ Residence Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger

 5:00 PM

**Week 5**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29th:** Let’s join together for A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! An abbreviated worship service will begin at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary and then we’ll all move to Fellowship Hall for a movie, a meal, and some motivational conversation. We’ll start by watching the final feature of this year’s “Meat at the Movies” series (with popcorn!), “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” (2019, 109 minutes, starring Tom Hanks as Fred Rogers), and then we’ll enjoy a delicious catered lunch topped off with pies from the Plaza! Childcare will be available. A sign-up sheet is posted (to help Kyle with the meal!) and questions or concerns may be directed to Gale Dyke, Vickie Eggleston, or Jen Rossey. Many thanks to the Session for approving the purchase of **new, comfier chairs** in time for this event!

**\*\*\* CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK \*\*\***

Sunday 3/15

 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School-Craft Room

 9:30 AM Properties Committee

 10:00 AM Morning Worship – Sanctuary

 11:15 AM Happiness Hour

 5:00 PM Lenten Movie-Lashers’ Residence: “My Sister’s Keeper”

Monday 3/16

 5:00 PM Boy Scout Board Meeting-Craft Room

 6:30 PM Troop 8 – Scout Room

 6:30 PM Little Bach/Jr. Philomel

Tuesday 3/17

10:00 AM Caring Connections

12:00 PM AA – Calvin Corner

Bulletin QR Code

 7:00 PM AA (Women’s Group) – Calvin Corner

 7:00 PM Holden Service-St. Joseph RCC

Wednesday 3/18

 9:30 AM Cuppa Coffee – Library

 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

 6:15 PM The Healing Journey – Conference Room

 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

Thursday 3/19

 4:30 PM Sharing Place Meal

 6:30 PM NA-Calvin Corner

 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Friday 3/20

 6:00 PM AA (Men’s Group)- Calvin Corner

Saturday 3/21

 9:30 AM Blue Star Mothers-Craft Room

 5:00 PM Dinner with Friends-Sprague’s Maple Farm-van leaving at 3:30 PM

Sunday 3/22

 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School-Craft Room

 9:30 AM Properties Committee

 10:00 AM Morning Worship – Sanctuary

 11:15 AM Happiness Hour

 5:00 PM Lenten Movie-Lashers’ Residence: “Shadowlands”

**\*\*\* JOYS AND CONCERNS \*\*\***

Ushers will distribute postcards at the beginning of the service; if you would like to write a word of encouragement to any of the people mentioned, or others on your mind, please raise your hand and indicate how many cards you would like. Fill them out and drop them in the offering plate and the office staff will ensure they are mailed during the week.

**Joys:**

The Caring Connection that gathers monthly at Warren Apartments

**Concerns:**

Prayers for Rev. Rebecca who is recovering from a successful knee surgery

 Prayers for the family of Alison Fish who died on March 4, 2020. She was the fiancé of Dillon Mescall, Gale and Larry Dyke’s grandson and the mother of their great-grandson, Ezekiel Mescall

 Prayers for Eric Lyons, 14 year old grandson of Kane church member in his final days of life

 Prayers for Joyce Hill who suffered a fall

 Prayers for Dorothy Collins, currently at the Rouse Home

 Prayers for Bill

Prayers for Kathleen Mahaffy, who has a severe case of bursitis in her arm

Prayers for Randy Rossey who is recovering from shoulder surgery

 Prayers for the family of Rex Rossey who died on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

 Prayers for Mary Schorman

 Prayers of healing for Wanda Monts

Courage, Strength and Faith to Larfay Austin Jr during his incarceration

Prayers for Sherry Walter who is now residing with her daughter, Kim

Prayers for Carinne Palm, Vickie Eggleston’s sister, who will be undergoing radiation treatments

Prayers for Coleen Christy, recently hospitalized

Prayers for Trevor, 16 years old, facing a 9-month recovery from successful shoulder surgery

Prayers for Susan Wenzel, who has health concerns

 Prayers for Norm Perschke, who is at the Warren Manor

Prayers for Sherran Jones

Prayers for Lynda Slocum’s grandson, Brayden

Prayers for Lois Buerkle, Lynn Sears’ sister, as she undergoes treatments for cancer

Prayers for Andy Yurick

Prayers for Carol Swanson

Prayers for Tristan Dolan

Prayers for Louise Crozier and family

Prayers for Kass Judson *(continued)*

Prayers for Katie Roth Spiegel, age 39, who is undergoing treatment for cancer

Prayers for Wally Post

Prayers for Ron & June Carlson Prayers for Calvin Leonard, residing at the Rouse Home

Prayers for Lisa Huey Hochberg and others struggling with dementia and alzheimer’s

Prayers for Pat Fankhouser

Prayers for Seth

Prayers for Andy Slocum

Prayers for Margaret Taylor, Rebecca’s mother, under Hospice care.

Prayers for those whose lives and property have been affected by the tornadoes in Tennessee

Prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus.

 Prayers for the world situation in the Middle East.

Those whose lives and property have been affected in the earthquake in Puerto Rico.

Courage, strength, and faith to all those affected by violent crimes.

Those serving in our military, people struggling with addiction, and those in jail

Those facing famine and hunger in remote and desolate places.

Let the Light of the Lord shine on all peoples in all nations

**\*\*\* PRESBYTERY JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS \*\*\***

We pray for the churches and ministerial staff that constitute the Lake Erie Presbytery. This week we pray for Woodcock Gravel Run, Commissioned Pastor Rose Hilliard, Commissioned Pastor Cheryl Larson, Rev. Barry Cressman, Honorably Retired and Rev. Jim Haas, Honorably Retired.

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| This Week’s Servers: | Next Week’s Servers |
| Liturgist | Carrie Salapek | **Liturgist** | Lynn Sears |
| Children’s Sermon | Lynda Slocum | **Children’s Sermon** | Lisa McPherson |
| Secure Offering | Joanna Elletson | **Secure Offering** | Joanna Elletson |
| Secure Offering | Carrie Salapek | **Secure Offering** | Carrie Salapek |
| Ushers | Jim HigginsMarjorie NeelPat King | **Ushers** | Mark PhillipsBarb PhillipsRene’ Davis |
| Happiness Hour | Ray Pring | **Happiness Hour** | Joyce Hill Mary Conarro |
| Flower Delivery | Jim and Lila Hookins | **Flower Delivery** | Lisa McPherson |
| Sharing Place | First Presbyterian 2 | **Sharing Place** | Praise Fellowship |
| Sharing Place Team | First Presbyterian 2  | **Sharing Place Team** | Praise Fellowship |



**Easter Flowers**

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Flower Memorial Fund for the Easter celebration is requested to do so by **Sunday, April 5, 2020**. There is no set price. Please contribute as you wish. Easter plants may be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones. These flowers will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Your donation and completed order form should be received in the church office no later than Sunday, April 5, 2020, earlier if possible. Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church** designating **Easter Flowers** in the memo portion of the check.

Plants will be distributed to members, shut-ins, nursing homes or hospitals following worship on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, and throughout that week.

Donor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Coronavirus — What You Need to Know

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus first detected in Wuhan, China, that has caused an outbreak of respiratory illness. The current outbreak has spread internationally, impacting an increasing number of countries. In the United States, imported cases of coronavirus infection in travelers have been detected and person-to-person spread of the virus also has been seen among close contacts of returned travelers from China. On February 25, 2020, the CDC confirmed COVID-19 in an individual who reportedly did not have relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](http://www.cdc.gov/ncov), most people in the United States have little immediate risk of exposure to this virus. The virus is not currently spreading widely in the United States. However, it is likely that person-to-person spread will continue to occur and that, at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur.

**Action Steps**

1. Stay informed – the situation with the coronavirus is fluid and the [CDC](http://www.cdc.gov/ncov) is updating its website daily with the latest information and advice for the public.
2. Remember to take everyday preventive actions that are always recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:
	* Avoid close contact with sick people.
	* While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. Stay home if you are sick.
	* Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
	* Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
	* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
3. The CDC and State Department have issued advisories asking people to avoid all nonessential travel to China and South Korea at this time. Travel alerts have also been issued for Japan, Italy and Iran.

Given the rapidly-evolving situation with COVID-19, it is prudent to revisit your organization’s emergency preparedness plans, including any pandemic planning. The CDC has made [pre-pandemic planning guides](https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/tools-resources/planning-guidance-checklists.html) available for community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, workplaces and individual households.