



First Fruits by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Save Your People

Musical score for the Introit "Save Your People". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled "Melody". The lyrics are: "Save your peo - ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come home. We have been wan - der - ing far from your love. Save your peo - ple, O Lord." The score ends with a "Fine" marking.

*Call to Worship

The God of our ancestors heard our cries
and saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.

**God brought us out with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm,
with signs and wonders God brought us through
the wilderness.**

The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place, says,

**"When my people call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
will show them my salvation."**

***Hymn**

Our Lord, You Were Sent
FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11 ("How Firm a Foundation")

***Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.***

***How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.***

***How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.***

***How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.***

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

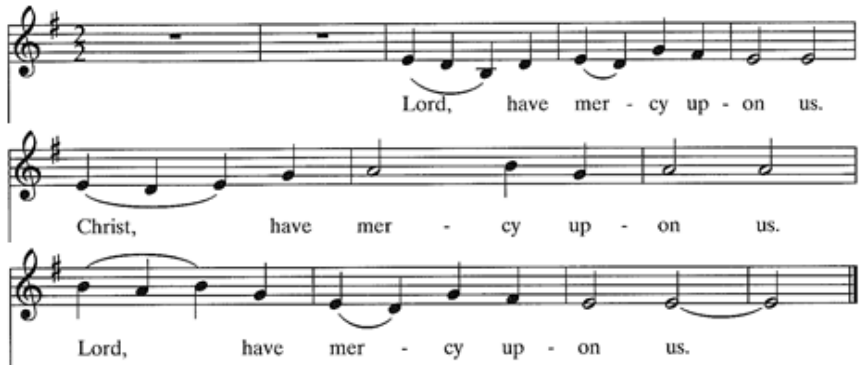
**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding
claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you, we settle for less than the
abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

***Kyrie**

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Arr. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

Let Us Return to the Lord



Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.

You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are

crushed, God will bind you up.

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Jane Dunbar

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

When Jesus Walked the Wilderness

Larson

Chancel Choir

When Jesus walked the wilderness he fasted and he prayed.
Alone, he battled Pride and Greed as false promises were made.
The Temptor's promises were scorned; no bread transformed from stone.
"One does not live by bread alone, does not live by bread alone."

Then challenged was the Son of God: "O there is naught to fear!
Go, cast yourself from pinnacles; God's angels hover near."
The Temptor's promises were scorned, the challenge laid to rest:
"Do not put the Lord God to the test, do not put God to the test."

When Jesus walked the wilderness for forty days and nights,
Rebuked were snares in shadows there, authority and might.
The Temptor's promises were scorned for God was placed above all
Satan's wiles:
"One God to serve, one God to serve and love."

When Jesus walked the wilderness rejecting Pride and Greed,
He lifted up the bitter cup that the will of God decreed.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Message

Full to the Brim – Even in the Desert

Paul Lang

ResponseEven in the Desert*

Piano

E-ven in the de - sert, fruit - ful - ness can flour - ish; mer - cies bloom from
E-ven in the de - sert, we are blessed with trea - sures; gifts of God be -
E-ven in the de - sert, first fruits free - ly gi - ven; grace a - bounds and

Pno.

which we nour - ish. Give us dail - y man - na, God of end - less
yond all mea - sure. Sa - tan off - ers ex - cess; pow'r, con - trol, se -
sins for - gi - ven. Washed in God's a - bund - ance, we are dar - ing

Pno.

gra - ces; show your light u - pon our fa - ces. Here we see
duc - tion; we will fol - low God's in - struc - tion. By God's will,
dream - ers on the path of our re - deem - er. Truth is told,

Pno.

your de - decree and its in - vi - ta - tion: love as our found - a - tion.
cups are filled, mer - cy finds the stran - ger, saves the lost from dan - ger.
grace un - folds, love pro - tects our neigh - bor, just - ice is our la - bor.

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

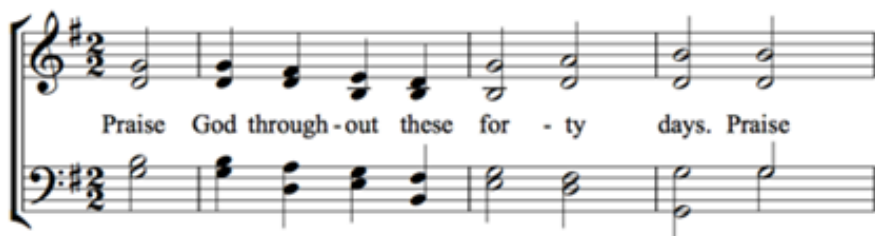
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

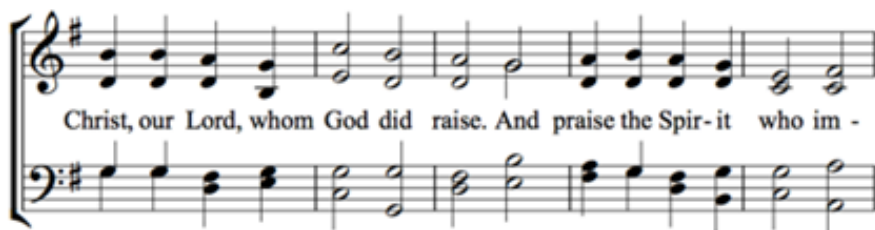
Reflections

*Lenten Doxology



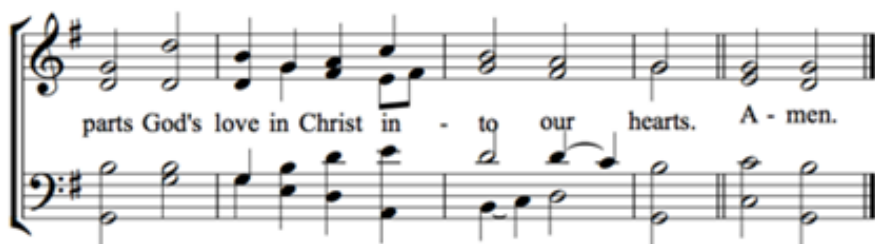
Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of music is in G major and 3/2 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.



Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0.



parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has quarter notes G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, F0, E0, D0, C0, B-1, A-1, G-1.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vv. 1-2)

No. 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Adult Faith Formation Offerings



Full to the Brim
(Sundays 9:20-10:20 AM over Zoom)
Explore the topics, themes, artwork, and commentary found in the Full to the Brim resources, especially the Lenten Devotional. This group loves a fruitful conversation, and enjoys learning together. This class is led by Hunter Piermont and Lisa Weber
Zoom Link for Full to the Brim
Passcode: 352979



Bible and Beyond
(Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 PM over Zoom)
We will study the history of Christianity in the U.S. using selected lectures from the Great Courses' video series *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*. This class is led by Alan and Lisa Ward.
Zoom Link for Bible and Beyond
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Pastor's Class (Sundays 9:20-10:20 Fellowship Hall)

Seeking the Good Life
A Study of Virtue

The Pastor's Class will make a survey of moral philosophy focused on the concept of virtue. First we will examine the basics of moral philosophy as a foundation upon which we can then engage in a careful study of the *Seven Deadly Sins* and the *Seven Heavenly Virtues*.

Spiritual Formation Offerings

The Practice of Mindfulness with Jason Troiano

This class will meet in person, five times, on Thursday evenings, beginning on March 3rd, from 6:00-7:15 pm in the high school youth room. The classes will be informal and involve guided meditation practice, a brief talk of aspects of mindfulness practice, and time for conversation and fellowship. It is open to anyone who is curious about starting a meditation practice. If you are interested in attending, please email Jason at jjtroiano@yaboo.com.

Full to the Brim Art Installation

Visio Divina, latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. We invite you to engage with pieces of art by various artists provided by A Sanctified Art. These will be displayed in worship, and will remain in the Sanctuary/Narthex, along with Artist Statements that provide theological reflections on their process creating these works. They can also be found in the Full to the Brim Lenten Devotional.

Labyrinth Walking

As the days grow longer and warmer, we invite you to walk the outdoor labyrinth on the church grounds. During Holy Week, the indoor labyrinth will also be available in the Fellowship Hall.



THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| Sunday, March 6 | 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. | Faith Formation Classes Worship Service In-Person and Online Worship Service streamed live (website, Facebook) Youth Group (Meeting outdoors at CPC / Note change of time to mid-afternoon) |
| Sunday, March 7 | | Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for complete meeting updates, links and Zoom information as provided. |
| Tuesday, March 8 | | |
| Wednesday, March 9 | 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Wednesday Bible Study is on hiatus NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal this week Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom) |
| Thursday, March 10 | | |
| Friday, March 11 | | |
| Saturday, March 12 | | |
| Sunday, March 13 | 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. | Faith Formation Classes Worship Service In-Person and Online Worship Service streamed live (website, Facebook) Youth Group (Meeting outdoors at CPC / Note change of time to mid-afternoon) |