

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
March 21, 2021 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

In the dry wilderness of our daily lives,

God offers us living water.

In the parched chambers of our weary hearts,

God offers us living water.

In the arid landscape of our dusty souls,

God offers us living water.

Let us worship the Wellspring of Life, who bathes us with refreshment.

Let us drink deep of the One who showers us with goodness.

Hymn

The Lord is God
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

(Glory to God, 63)

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

*With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.*

*At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.*

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you call us to share your water of life with the world around us. But we hold back, afraid that the water is limited. We look first to our own comfort and convenience, with only a glance of regard toward the welfare of others. Wash us of our sin, O God. Create in us clean hearts, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we might eagerly share your living water with the world; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(Glory to God, 306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

Sermon

Wash, Rinse, Repeat

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection*Blue Boat Home*

Peter Mayer

*Though below me, I feel no motion
 Standing on these mountains and plains
 Far away from the rolling ocean
 Still my dry land heart can say
 I've been sailing all my life now
 Never harbor or port have I known
 The wide universe is the ocean I travel
 And the earth is my blue boat home*

*Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
 As I ply the starry sea
 Leaning over the edge in wonder
 Casting questions into the deep
 Drifting here with my ship's companions
 All we kindred pilgrim souls
 Making our way by the lights of the heavens
 In our beautiful blue boat home*

*I give thanks to the waves upholding me
 Hail the great winds urging me on
 Greet the infinite sea before me
 Sing the sky my sailor's song
 I was born upon the fathoms
 Never harbor or port have I known
 The wide universe is the ocean I travel
 And the earth is my blue boat home*

Call to Prayer

*Take, O Take Me as I Am
 (sing twice)*

(Glory to God, 698)

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
 Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Prayers of the People - with the Lord's Prayer (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.

Hymn

*Touch the Earth Lightly
 (verses 1, 3, and 4)*

(Glory to God, 713)

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care:
 Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses and air that is sweet,
 Health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.*

*God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
 Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Go with Us, Lord

(Glory to God, 748)

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude



Announcements

Thank you to Wendel Werner for playing for us today.

Today we receive a special offering for **Living Waters for the World** in observance of World Water Day tomorrow, March 22. Your gifts help support the mission of Living Waters for the World. Please make checks payable to FPC and put "LWW" on the memo line, or use the QR code below to give online.

Cultivating Christian Mindfulness—Steve Herbes leads the second of a two-part series on Mindfulness this Tuesday evening, Mar. 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The series explores the background, benefits, techniques, and practices of mindfulness. Kiersten Ruisard hosts this Zoom gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517429240?pwd=dXBmK0pJR2xkeG41NzUwdnRSK2pgQT09>

Passcode: 756485

Easter Sunday plans—We will gather for outdoor worship on Easter Sunday, April 4! There'll also be an Easter egg hunt (taking into consideration COVID-19) and lunch on the grounds – prepared and packaged for social distancing. Please let Adrienne know (number is below) if you're coming so that we will know how many lunches to prepare.

Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds, Rise 'n' Shine, and
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children's class
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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