

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 27, 2022 • *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

God makes the impossible possible.

And sees the desperate needs of all people.

Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

Hymn 372

O for a World
(verses 1, 4, and 5)

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence,
keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families,
and honor our inherited legacies.***

Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?

***Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess,
where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy,
where peace is found in suffering,***

where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.

Show us again what matters.

***Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance,
that we, too, might be generous with our love.***

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.*

Time with the Children

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading

John 12:1-8

Sermon

In Remembrance of Her

Carolyn Dipboye

Musical Reflection

Hymn 704 "To My Precious Lord"

***To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
Kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.***

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 and 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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*Lord dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with
Joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us,
O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's
Joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful,
Ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling
Pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us,
Glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude



*The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. W. Marvin Randolph, by his wife,
children, and grandchildren on the first anniversary of his arrival in heaven.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Dave Mullins for serving as our liturgist today.

— Special thanks to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our guest preacher this morning while Sharon is away.

—Conversation on Loss meets this afternoon via Zoom from 1-2 p.m.

—Our special Lenten series on the book *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Practice*, written by Don Postema and led by Sharon, continues this Wednesday evening, Mar. 30, at 6:30 p.m. We are meeting in hybrid fashion (in person and via Zoom). Check this week's eNews for the Zoom link. Let Sharon know if you need a book.

Mark your calendars

April 10: Passion/Palm Sunday (reading of the Passion Narrative)

April 14: Maundy Thursday (Communion service)

April 15: Good Friday (prayer stations, including full-sized labyrinth in the fellowship hall)

April 17: Easter Sunday (brass ensemble)

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