

# 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 19, 2023 • *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 90)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

***Before you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

***So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.***

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 20**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Litany of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

***We have trampled over the Earth, leaving devastation in our wake.*** *(silence)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our neighbors.

***We have used others' resources with little regard for the consequences.*** *(silence)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against ourselves.

***We have lulled ourselves into thinking we have all the time in the world  
to start being serious stewards of creation.*** *(silence)*



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

## **\*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** *(sing twice)*

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.***

***Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

## **Time with Children**

***God of love and grace, thank you for all of the gifts that children bring to your world. Thank you for their wide-eyed wonder, their questions, and their laughter. Help us to nurture their lives in ways that draw them closer to you, and in so doing, find that our own faith is deepened. Amen.***

*(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)*

## **Anthem**

Oceans

arr. Sorenson

## **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:1—2:3

## **Sermon**

*Life in the “Fast” Lane:  
Bit by Bit, Bird by Bird, Drop by Drop*

Sharon Youngs

## **Hymn 713**

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

## **\*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** *(sing twice)*

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.***

## **Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer** *(ecumenical)*

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

## **Minute for Mission**

## **\*Hymn**

*Blue Boat Home*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Postlude**



*The flowers today are given by Robin and Jack Graham to the glory of God  
and in memory of Charlotte Graham: mom, friend, and teacher.*



## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us today.

—Today is the second of three installments of **Who Are We Presbyterians?**, a discussion (led by Sharon) for everyone, especially folks who are new to FPC or want to know more about the congregation and the PC(USA), begins as soon as possible after worship in room 6 (next to the sanctuary). The final installment will take place on Apr. 2.

—Today we receive a special offering for **Living Waters for the World** in observance of World Water Day this Wednesday, March 22. Your gifts help support the mission of Living Waters for the World. Please make checks payable to FPCOR and put “LWW” on the memo line, or scan the QR code below to give online. See page 1 of the March edition of The Banner for more information about this important work.

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