

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn 275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

***We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

Silent Confession

Kyrie 579

***Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.***

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

During the season of Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Psalter: Psalm 46

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:57-68

Sermon: "The Truth Will Out"

Rev. Brent Eelman

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 840

"When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: "Eternal Lord, Who Calmed the Waves" (to "Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

Eternal Lord, who calmed the waves, we look to you this day to save;
Across the world, we live in fear and yearn for when we might be clear
Of danger none with eyes can see, that now has brought us to our knees.

To Lazarus, "Come out!" you called, to those who cried, you'd not withhold
A word to banish evil's power— So thus we cry to you this hour
To heal a world so ill at ease from what has brought us to our knees.

O Lord, who lives to break down walls, by meeting not, we're all appalled,
And yearn for when, no longer bound, our friends and neighbors we'll surround
With handshakes, hugs, again at ease, when you will strengthen feeble knees.

O Trinity of love and power, all healers guard in danger's hour;
Protect them as they treat and care for all your people, here and there,
Thus praises e'er will rise to thee from all who pray on bended knee.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

All are invited to listen prayerfully to the postlude.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Jan Thyren
Liturgist	Chris Norton

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