

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Attende Domine" arr. Trapp

Call to Worship

God above us – trees, birds and sunshine, stars and moonlight –

God above us!

God beneath us – earth, rocks and rivers, roots and caverns –

God beneath us!

God around us – seas, winds and cities, animals and people –

God around us!

God within us – hope, tears and laughter, love and wonder –

God within us!

God within us, beneath us, around us, within us,

We celebrate that you made us, you love us,

and you call us to work and rest with you.

* Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Prayer of Thanks for Creation

Let us pray ... thanks for beauty. **Thanks for beauty!**

... Thanks for creativity. **Thanks for creativity!**

... Thanks for abundance. **Thanks for abundance!**

Thanks for your world, God, and for our part in it.

Thanks that you are a maker, and that you made us makers, too.

**Help us to love creation as you love it, to take risks to value it
as you value it, and draw us into the wildness and wonder of
your Holy Spirit, today and every day. Amen.**

* Prayer of Regret

* Kyrie *as directed by the song leader*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 12:1-8 (NT, p. 106)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Psalm 18:1-19, 31, 46 (OT, p. 497)

Sermon: "Blessed Be My Rock"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Stoking the Celtic Fire for Lent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 790 "In Silence My Soul Thirsts" (Psalm 62)

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating death, holds a promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,

in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ,

we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the Earth

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of love,

and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. Amen.

Special Presentation

Offering

Offertory

“Jesu Dulcis Memoria”

arr. Callahan

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude “Bread of Heaven”

arr. Harris

(based on the Welsh tune Arfon)

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in loving memory Bette and John Scheuer by Diane and Jack Scheuer.

Through the season of Lent, we will be drawing on the songs, prayers, and liturgies of the Iona Community. Based in Glasgow, Scotland, this dispersed ecumenical community is rooted in the Celtic tradition of Christianity. Today’s liturgy comes from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Used by permission.



May **God** continue to
bless us; let all the
ends of the earth
revere him.

Psalm 67:7, NRSV

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