

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

Open our lips, O Lord,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

***Song**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***Prayer (unison)**

The Reverend Laura Colee

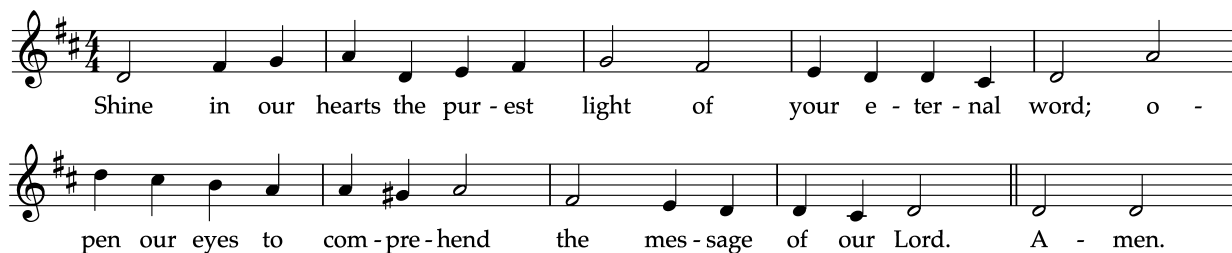
Lord God, your love is always reaching out to us. Wherever we go, you go with us. Help us to feel your presence walking alongside us throughout this season of Lent.

Lord, you tell us to love one another, but we do not always do what you ask of us. Forgive us for the ways we have hurt others and ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring you and our neighbors. Help us to be brave and kind every day of our lives. Guide us, step-by-step, on our journey of faith and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, that we offer to you now in silence...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination



Reading the Word of God

John 20:20-33

Reagan & Wyatt Buzan

Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

Reflections

Dr. Mullis

*Song

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

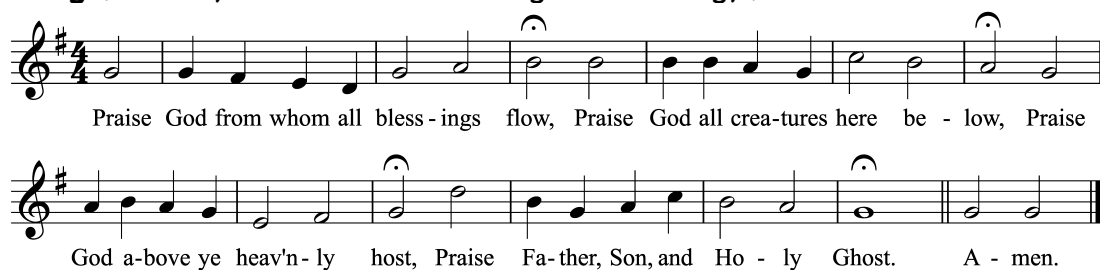
adapted from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)



Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast!

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

*Closing Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 17, 2024

Meetings This Week

Thursday, March 21

Session

6:30 p.m.

Online Lenten Bible Study - Wednesdays through March 20

An online Lenten Bible study continues through this Wednesday, via Zoom, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Led by Dr. Mullis and Rev. Colee, we are looking at key passages from the Gospel of Mark to prepare us for Holy Week. You must register to receive the Zoom link! Visit our website to register, or call the church office (215-567-0532).

Twenties & Thirties Brunch

The T&Ts are going to brunch **today** after the 11 a.m. service! Please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org) if you'd like to join!

Dedications at Easter

We continue our tradition of accepting donations and dedications in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones at Easter. Please submit dedications by March 25; forms are available in the narthex and the church office. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; please note "Easter Dedications" on the check memo. Dedications and donations may also be submitted online via the church website: fpcphila.org/easter-dedications or emailed to the church office (office@fpcphila.org).

Lenten Donation Drive

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support Philly House, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing. The drive will run through April 7. Visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code for a list of needed items and Amazon Wishlist options.



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