

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 "St. Patrick's Breastplate" arr. Proulx

Call to Worship

With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine,
with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide,

With people in every land, and speakers of every language,

we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven,

with all who have worshiped in this place,

we gather in praise of God.

* Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls,
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, you are there,
and we give you thanks.***

***But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation,
where we have not honored but avoided you in one another,
where we have not received but rejected your goodness,***

forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

* Silent Prayer

* 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: Luke 13:31-35 (NT, p. 77)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Prayer of St. Patrick"

Bernard Sexton

Second Lesson: Psalm 27 (OT, p. 503)

Sermon: "Sheltered in the Day of Trouble"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Stoking the Celtic Fire for Lent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

* Affirmation of Faith

from Patrick of Ireland

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,

by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;

His baptism in the Jordan river,

His death on the cross for my salvation;

His bursting from the spiced tomb,

His riding up the heavenly way,

His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral response: "God to Enfold You"

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Diane Scheuer

Offering

Offertory

"My Song is Love Unknown"

arr. Osterland

* Response (Hymnal 698)

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life" arr. Warren

(Psalm 51 set to an Irish folk tune)

*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 are given by JoAnn Hall to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Fritz, who passed away on this day six years ago.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Betsy Ellis
Ushers	Steuart Bailey
Greeter	JoAnn Hall

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