

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 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 "Slane"

arr. Ashdown

Call to Worship

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day

to the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

The hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

the love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought to the bright light of this new day,

bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

* Hymn 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

For our careless thoughts,

For our thoughtless deeds,

For our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.

(silent prayer)

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

For our false desires,

For our hateful actions,

For our wastefulness and all we left unattended.

(silent prayer)

***O loving Christ, hanging on a tree, yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls as mist from the hills.***

Begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

In you we place our hope, our living hope, now and forevermore.

* 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: Psalm 32 (OT, p. 506)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Herzliebster Jesu"

arr. K. Dennis

Second Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: "All is Forgiven?"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Stoking the Celtic Fire for Lent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

* Affirmation of Faith

Romans 5:8-10

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners

Christ died for us.

Much more surely then,

now that we have been justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

much more surely, having been reconciled,

will we be saved by his life.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing Meg Hatch

Offering

Offertory "Wondrous Love" arr. Johnson

* 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 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

* Charge and Benediction

* Bell Response

* Postlude "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" Scottish tune
based on the Scottish tune Ye Banks and Braes

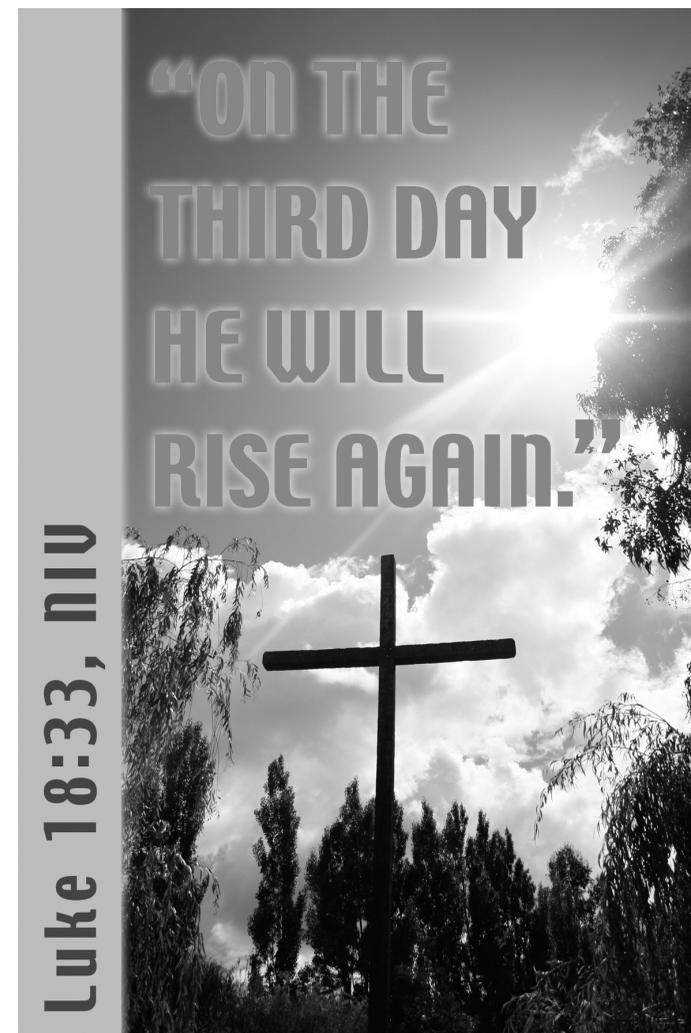
*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

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 A Wee 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
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Ushers	Steuart Bailey
Greeters	Chuck and Maggie Woolever



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