



# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020  
11 a.m.*

### **Preparation**

Prelude

Two Settings of *Old Hundredth*

Johann Walther  
Johann Pachelbel

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

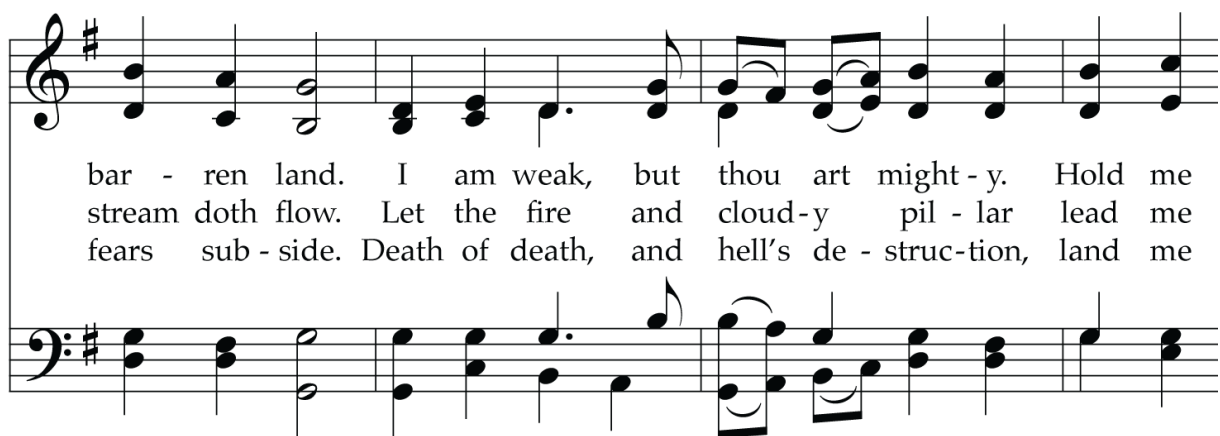
Chiming of the Trinity

### **Adoration**

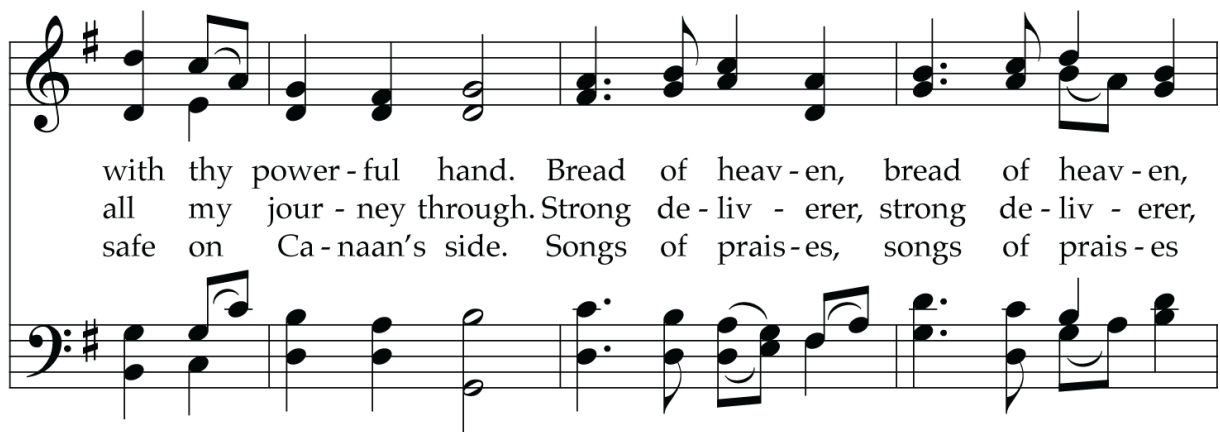
Call to Worship



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

## Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23

Musical Offering

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Dan Forrest

Anne Lafferty, soloist

*The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

Sermon

“Presence in the Valley”

The Reverend Pen Peery

Musical Offering

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

arr. Craig Courtney

Kelly Potts, soloist

*The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.*

## Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

**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.**

Invitation to Offering

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Offertory

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Craig Courtney

Loretta Giles, soloist

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say “It is well with my soul.” My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought – not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.*

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org) and on Facebook Live.

We welcome the Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr., Pastor, as well as the entire congregation of First United Presbyterian Church who are joining us in virtual worship today.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Jeff Smith on the death of his mother, Ethel Smith.

Even though we are not meeting in person, we ask for your continued support. At times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. We encourage you to give by text, online at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org), or by mailing a check to 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202. Your gift will support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

Hymn No. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Charge and Benediction

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Postlude

## **We are glad you are worshipping with us today!**

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

### **Our Pastors**

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### **Are you interested in joining our church?**

Contact Jane Ives  
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### **Pastor on call**

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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704.332.5123

### **Staying in Touch while We Aren't Here in Person**

For the foreseeable future, First Presbyterian Church will not have in-person worship due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. We have also suspended, postponed or canceled other programs and activities at the church.

Please watch our website ([www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org)) and social media for regular updates. In some cases, updates may occur daily.

If you do not currently receive the church's weekly electronic news via email, please contact Peg Robarchek ([probarchek@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:probarchek@firstpres-charlotte.org)) to be added to the list.

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- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
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