



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022 9:00am

*"You don't think your way into a new kind of living.
You live your way into a new kind of thinking."*

- Henri Nouwen

Chimes and Prelude

Despedida (Farewell)
Ney Rosauero

*Call to Worship

May we find courage here:

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here:

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here:

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth,

we admit that too often we hide in comfort rather than proudly declaring:

we are Christian,

we believe,

this faith has changed me.

We are afraid of the consequences

and so have been silent when we should have spoken.

Forgive us for staying quiet

rather than taking part in the work you are doing in the world.

We want to be brave.

We want to worship you not only here

but in all the spheres of our lives.

Forgive us and make us bold in your name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear this good news:

Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**

Even when we sin, **God enfolds us in grace.**

In Christ you are made free—to be bold, to be courageous,
to be exactly who God called you to be. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

*Response

Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

After the Children's Message, children are invited to join their teachers for Sunday School.

Parents can pick their children up after service in Room 214b (2nd floor).

Response

These Treasured Children

These treasured children present now,

Are bound to us by sacred vow.

With love, we make a heartfelt claim,

To welcome them in Jesus' name.

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Matthew 25 Moment for Ministry

Suzy DeGeorge

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Anthem

Jambo rafiki yangu (Welcome My Friend!)

Traditional Swahili; arr. David V. Montoya

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Special music

Moon
Adam Tan

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th

**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. Amen.**

Song

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more keenly felt than heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.*

There's Wideness in God's Mercy
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, sometimes our waking is our prayer.
Sometimes the melody we hum is our prayer.
Sometimes the way we encounter a child or a stranger is our prayer.
And sometimes prayer is moments like this:
heads bowed, eyes closed, hearts quiet for just a moment.
And in all of it, we trust you to hear us. Help us to hear you in return. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Second Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8

Sermon

“The In-Between Times”

Rev. Adele Crawford

*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God's beauty:
beauty pulled into being by our Creator,
beauty that catches our breath,
beauty that turns us toward awe.**

**We believe in God's gift of courage:
courage to believe,
courage to stand up for the people who need our voice,
courage to love without hesitation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit:
who prays for us when we cannot,**

who is brave for us when we are not.

**We believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary,
who quieted the voice of critique,
who welcomed every bid for relationship.
We believe in God.
We believe in the God who believes in us. Amen.**

*Hymn #772

Live into Hope

*Blessing

Choral Response

Benediction
David Voorhees

Postlude

Finale from The Firebird
Igor Stravinsky

Please remain seated for the postlude.

**You are invited to stand as you desire.*

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Adele Crawford, guest preacher; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Choir Accompanist; David Sabella, marimba; Brain Claeys and Nolan Prochnau, percussion; The Chancel Choir.

Worship notes:

Jambo rafiki yangu (Welcome My Friend!)

Jambo! Jambo rafiki yangu.

Kawaida ume fahamu,

Wewe ni mwema! Jambo!

Ume fahamu ni se fahamu rafiki yangu.

Welcome my friend!

Always remember me and I will remember you.

Always understand me and I will understand you.

You are so wonderful.

Benediction by David Voorhees

Because the world is poor and starving, go with bread.

Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy.

Because the world is filled with fear, go with courage.

Because the world is weary of wars, go with peace.

Because the world is in despair, go with hope.

Because the world is seldom fair, go with justice.

Because the world is living lies, go with truth.

Because the world is under judgement, go with mercy.

Because the world will die without it, go with love!

And now may the gracious God of our Lord Jesus Christ go with us all,

to guide us with the light of the Gospel,

and to gather us into righteous community,

both now and forever.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES WEEK OF April 3, 2022

The Chancel Flowers today are given by Barbara Scott in loving memory of Loved Ones.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Abby Demaiorbus and family in the death of her grandfather.

Prayer Doves for Ukraine - Many of us have felt heartbreak and powerlessness while watching recent events in Ukraine. As a response to this situation, the First Pres community is invited to create a prayer dove for Ukraine, which will reflect our belief in the power of prayer and in the healing presence of God. Supplies will be available in Fellowship Hall or you can download the template (available in the Enews) to do at home. Prayers can be written on the dove and/or you can decorate the dove as you pray. Completed doves will be assembled to visually display our congregation's prayers and care for those suffering.

Women's Retreat – All women are invited to Cafe Chocolat, a chocolate-themed retreat, where we'll delight in God's extravagant grace. Through fellowship, Bible study, a service project, and fun, we'll grow in our relationships with God, with one another, and as a community of faith, exploring how God's grace is evident in all our lives. The retreat will take place at First Pres on Friday, April 29 (7-9pm) and Saturday, April 30 (9-11:30am). The cost is \$10 per participant; invite a friend! Please register through the Sign-Up tab at www.firstpreswc.com

Operation Easter Basket - We are creating children's baskets for the Domestic Violence Center, Salvation Army, and the WC Food Cupboard, and food baskets for Migrant Ministry. We have a few more items on the list - click the button below to see the items, and thank you to those who have already donated! Collection bins are in Fellowship Hall. Financial Contributions are also welcome (please write "Easter Baskets" in the memo line of your check to First Pres).

Easter Basket Assembly and Dinner - Today is the last day to sign up! If you can help the CLM and Missions committees assemble the baskets, come at 5:15 p.m. on April 6 to enjoy a light dinner with your church family and to put together the baskets; all ages are welcome. Please use the Sign Up tab on our website to register.

Easter Greetings for Guatemala – While they were never far from our thoughts and prayers, we have missed the fellowship with our friends from Getsemani Church in Villa Nueva, Guatemala, over the last two years. As things continue to get better on the Covid scene, we are beginning to think about how we can renew those relationships and resume our exchanges of visits.

As a first step, we are creating a video greeting to share with them this Easter. The idea is to have a bunch of First Pres friends make a short video (15 to 30 seconds), saying hello and sharing their best wishes for this holy season. Just make a short video on your smartphone then send it to [Doug Congdon-Martin \(dougcm100@gmail.com\)](mailto:dougcm100@gmail.com) via email. Videos are due today.

Suicide Prevention Training: On Sunday, April 3 at 4:00, our youth group is hosting a QPR training aimed at reducing suicidal behaviors and providing practical and proven suicide prevention techniques. The training is open to anyone and will be two hours in total. The first 90 minutes will be the training presentation followed by 30 minutes of separate discussion groups for students and adults. QPR has been training groups and individuals for decades and empowers communities to effectively intervene on behalf of suicidal and in-crisis people. To find out more about QPR, visit QPRinstitute.com. To RSVP, use the sign-up tab at firstpreswc.com or email our Youth Director, Eric Hankins (ehankins@firstpreswc.com).

Austrian Boys' Choir – The Austrian Boys' Choir coming to First Pres on Maundy Thursday. The service that evening (April 14) will be led by the Grazer Kappellknaben, with a short concert after the service. Please see the article in the Enews for a link to their promotional video.

Organ Dedication Concert – Please join us on April 23 at 7pm for the dedication of the Ginny Bauder Memorial Organ. The concert program will feature soloist, chamber orchestra, and the Chancel Choir.

Support for Ukraine – Thanks to your generosity, First Pres was able to donate \$5,775 to relief efforts in Ukraine through St. Vladimir Ukrainian Cathedral's Hope Fund. Father Taras and the congregation of St. Vladimir were extremely grateful for the support from First Pres. Special thanks to Sue and Bill Mertz for delivering the donation. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing relief effort, you can donate through our website.

New Books in the Library - During the last two years we have added many fine books about Christian living, ranging from highly academic to humorously philosophical. One book, titled "I Think You're Wrong--But I'm Listening", was written by two young lawyers, both politically active, on opposite ends of the political spectrum. They discuss different topics from a Christian perspective, showing we don't have to put on our team's uniform and go to war with each other about immigration, abortion, taxes, et al. This easy read will help you avoid frustrations of our election process.

Easter Lilies – If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary with Lilies this Easter, please fill out the form below, the envelopes found in the pews, or sign up online. The cost this year is \$14. Note on your request whether it is in honor of or in memory of someone. You can also email Karen Goldstein (kgoldstein@firstpreswc.com) with your request. Thank you.

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In Memory of _____

Greeters for today at 9am are Dennis & Adriana Park

<u>As of 3/30/2022</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Total Giving Budget</u>
2022 Regular Giving	\$242,375	\$268,199	\$1,028,335