

 *Connecting with God, One Another and the World*
STREAMING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:45 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

Worship:

The Heartbeat of Faith



PRAY

Lent 2020

PRELUDE

“Syrinx” for unaccompanied flute by Claude Debussy

Carol Jensen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 61:1-4)

One: Hear us, O God; listen to our prayers!

**All: From every place and from out of all kinds of challenging situations,
we call to you when our hearts are faint.**

*One: Lead us to the rock that is higher than we are,
and higher than everything that seeks to overwhelm us;*

All: For you are our refuge, O God, a strong tower against the storms of life.

One: We come into your presence, God of listening love;

**All: In this time of worship, we seek refuge
under the shelter of your wings of protection and peace**

HYMN #325

“Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”

CALL TO CONFESSION (Study Catechism Question 121)

What is the purpose of prayer?

Prayer brings us into communion with God.

The more our lives are rooted in prayer,

the more we sense how wonderful God is in grace, purity, majesty and love.

Prayer means offering our lives completely to God,

submitting ourselves to God’s will,

and waiting faithfully for God’s grace.

Through prayer God frees us from anxiety, equips us for service,

and deepens our faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and wonderful God, you are our source and our salvation,
full of grace and goodness, mercy and love.
We confess that we are often out of communion with you.
Our lives are rooted in the values of this world,
and so we reduce you to a comfortable but uninspiring friend.
We are reluctant to give ourselves completely to you,
afraid of where following your will would lead us next.
We are often impatient with your grace, and reluctant to share it with others.
We prefer to hold onto our anxiety, depend on ourselves and live a shallow faith.
Forgive us when our prayers seek to change you but not us.
Turn us around, O God, and change our hearts and lives.
Grant us a renewed sense of how wonderful you are as we offer our lives anew to you.
Set us free from all that separates us from you,
that our lives may be rooted and grounded
in your amazing grace and steadfast love. Amen.

[silent reflection]

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (from Psalm 103)

One: Hear the good news: The Lord is merciful, very patient and full of faithful love.
All: God hears our prayers and answers them with forgiveness and grace.
One: As far as east is from the west, that's how far God has removed our sin from us.
All: Praise the Lord for this good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are loved, forgiven and set free
to worship and serve the Lord our God! Amen.

RESPONSE TO GRACE

“We Are Forgiven” (since twice)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: G Am D7 Gsus G C
We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

Staff 2: G Am7 Dsus D G Am
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

Staff 3: D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

God of light and love, we are listening for your life-giving Word.

With your Spirit's presence and guidance, help us to hear your Good News
as your Word is read and proclaimed.

Teach us to seek you always, living in hope and responding in faith,
trusting that you are always with us, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prayer: Seeking God's Presence, Purpose and Power

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presbyterian Study Catechism (1998), Questions 120 & 123

One: What is prayer?

All: Prayer means calling upon God whose Spirit is always present with us.

One: In prayer we approach God with reverence, confidence and humility.

All: Prayer involves both addressing God in praise, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, and listening for God's word within our hearts.

One: What encourages us to pray each day?

All: The God who has adopted us as children is the God who encourages and commands us to pray.

One: When we pray, we respond with love to that greater love which meets us from above.

All: Before we enter into prayer, God is ready to grant all that we need.

One: We may turn to God with confidence each day, not because we are worthy, but simply because of God's grace.

All: By praying we acknowledge that we depend on grace for all that is good, beautiful, life-giving and true.

HYMN #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please send your joys, concerns and prayer requests to prayer@fpcyorktown.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

How does God respond to our prayers?

(Study Catechism Question 122)

God takes all our prayers into account, weighing them with divine wisdom, and responding to them by a perfect will. Although for the time being God's answers may seem beyond our understanding, or sometimes even bitter, we know nonetheless that they are always determined by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God answers our prayers, particularly for temporal blessings, only in ways that are compatible with the larger purposes of God's glory and our salvation. Communion with God is finally the answer within the answers to all our prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"forgive us our sins"*)

HYMN #2193

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon

Garrett Artman, vocals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Out of the riches of your grace, Generous God, we offer our gifts and offerings to you. May they help others know the breadth, length, height and depth of your love for them and the abundant life you desire for all creation. Use us and use our gifts to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, through the power of your Spirit and in Christ's holy name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN (next page)

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

BLESSING AND SENDING (Romans 12:12)

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

POSTLUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit (I Will Pray)"

Garrett Artman

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1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Coronavirus Update:

We will try to maintain as regular a schedule as possible.
Please check your email, the website or call the church office for updates.

All church meetings will meet via Zoom.
Chip and Tami will send out Zoom information for how to join.

TODAY

9:30am Confirmation, New Member Classes
10:45am Worship Service Online

Tuesday, March 24

10:00am F4L—*Passion of Jesus*
7:30pm Operations and Communications

Wednesday, March 25

3:00pm FPCY Connects by Zoom
7:00pm F4L—*Disciple 1*
7:30pm F4L—*Disciple FT*

Thursday, March 26

10:00am F4L—*Passion of Jesus*
7:00pm FPCY Connects by Zoom

Friday, March 27

3:00pm Pantry Set-Up

Saturday, March 28

9:00am Pantry Distribution

Sunday, March 29

9:30am Confirmation, New Members Classes
10:45am Worship Service online



Stay Connected During this Time of Social Distancing



Make Sure to sign-up for our mailing list to receive important announcements and daily “Checking Our Pulse” devotions and to learn about Zoom video conference classes and gatherings (opportunities to “see” and talk one another)

<https://tinyurl.com/FPCYconnect>