

Order of Worship

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Wells

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

All: Steadfast love surrounds us.

One: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

All: Steadfast love surrounds us.

One: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

All: Steadfast love surrounds us.

One: When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

All: Steadfast love surrounds us.

One: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

All: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Daniel Hancock (9:00 a.m.), Marianne Parsons (11:00 a.m.)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 423, verse 1

Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 423, verse 3

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalms 32

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Mulholland (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

(11:00 a.m.)

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon

God Is Faithful Still, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

adapted from Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Remembrance of Thee, Mansfield (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

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

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Hymn No. 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Benediction

Postlude

In the Peaceful Garden, Batiste

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors