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Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 7, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Holy Ground

Davis/Fettke

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on us.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

"Our Wilderness Journey"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake they sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Alford/McFarland

*We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from one who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:*

*That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God Be with You

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

There is a Savior

Farrell/ Nelson/ Helvering

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office and Facility Update: On Tuesday, February 16 the Session approved an extension until March 20, to close the facility to group gatherings of session committees, classes, and circles, with the exception of the FPC Weekday School, Al Anon, Scouts, and the Facilities Committee (who have several projects to tend to at this time). Individual appointments are still welcomed with staff but check-in, temperature checks, masks and social distancing will still be enforced. This caution is being implemented due to the continual increase of Covid-19 cases in our local area. Session will continue to reassess and hopes to be able to lift restrictions of gatherings as soon as possible.

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30pm in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

Lent is here! Our Wilderness Journey: A Reflective Hike In and Toward Hope is our theme. Discover more about who and whose you are as we focus on learning more about the God who offers us the gift of hope for today and for all our tomorrows. See below for in-person and online worship opportunities. ALL details can be found on our website (<https://www.fpclly.org/2021-lenten-offerings.html>).

Lenten Daily Devotional. We are offering an interactive and simple daily devotional called *Breaking the Chains* for your Lenten walk providing the opportunity each day for you to draw closer to God. If you haven't been able to get your own copy of our Lenten devotional, contact Kathleen@fpclly.org. It's not too late to get started!

Musical Monday Reflections. Make music a part of your wilderness journey by engaging in our weekly musical offerings shared by Cory Whittier, past Lenten choir performances, and other familiar voices and instruments. All video offerings will be shared on our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook](#) page at 12pm (noon) on Mondays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, & 22.

Midweek Meditations. Allow the combination of scripture, reflection, and music be a part of your walk to the cross by engaging in our weekly midweek meditations. Join Pastor Peter for a reading of scripture and a brief reflection followed by musical offerings. All video reflections will be shared on our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook](#) page at 12pm (noon) on Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Outdoor Evening Prayer Services. Let a step on your hike in and toward hope include participating in our Wednesday evening prayer services on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 6:30pm in the back parking lot gathered around the fire. Please plan to wear a mask. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Pastoral Care and Prayers: If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for March (phone only):

Jenny Osinga (434) 426-1675 and Betsy Jones (434) 384-7633

The G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship: awarded on the basis of merit and financial need is available to active members of First Presbyterian Church, as well as PCUSA churches within a nine-mile radius of the office of Presbytery of the Peaks. The grant is offered for undergraduate and graduate study at a four-year accredited college, university or theological institution. The Scholarship Committee will take into consideration each applicant's academic record, test scores, community, school and church activities, and other extracurricular activities. If you are interested, contact Karen Wydner at office@fpcly.org. She will email you the electronic documents needed for the application process. All application materials must be received in the church office by **3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2021** to be considered.

“Rooted and Reaching” Capital Project Update:

1. We have now raised over \$2.62 Million in pledges to date! Our goal is \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.
2. The Steeple Replacement project is underway led by Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley. Construction is scheduled to take place this April.
3. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session, contracted with Foley-Baker, and will be led by Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier. The initial stages of the renovation are scheduled to begin this summer with construction to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
4. Other projects are in the planning stages with more information to come.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$634,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge. Annual Stewardship packets and pledge cards were passed out concurrently with the Capital Projects Campaign visits, so if we have missed you in any way, please know that was not our intention and let us know. We want to include everyone. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231, or email at office@fpcly.org.