



This is our story,
this is our song.



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4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Lent is a season of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with the Great Vigil the Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination—in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Assurance

(vs. 1) Blessed assurance, Jesus in mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

(vs. 3) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain.*

Prayer of the Day 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.**

Hymn: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

(vs.1) Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

(vs. 3) Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

(vs. 4) The Lord has promised good to me, His word my home secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(All Texts read from NRSV)

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 23

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

New Testament Lesson: John 9:1-41

“This is Our Story; This is Our Song: Led Out of Darkness”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Minute for Mission: Lent for Locals

Gateway

Call to Offering

Organ Voluntary: Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision"

C. Whittier

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Postlude Toccata on "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

E. Good

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Offices will be closed for business Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27. If you have an emergency and need to talk with either Peter or Chad, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available through phone contact only.

Pastor on Call:

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Through Sunday, March 29 there will continue to be no in-person gatherings at FPCLY. This includes worship, spiritual growth classes, Bible studies, programs, meetings, or otherwise.

Please be sure to check out www.fpclly.org or FPCLY's Facebook page for updates and information on how you can be CONNECTED. Whether it is a scripture verse and prayer of the day, devotional, book reading, or chat board, we welcome your participation. We welcome all to share your stories and songs as to what you have going on in your life, family, home, or neighborhood.