

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13

MAY 10, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 2408 N. NAVARRO ST. | VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901

WWW.FPCOFVICTORIA.ORG

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
May 10, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "If With All Your Hearts" (from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

No. 442

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way,
revealed to us your truth,
and offered to us everlasting life.
Keep our eyes upon him,
that we may see your path more clearly,
know your truth more fully,
and receive your life more abundantly;
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in eternal glory. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame.
Confident in this promise,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God,
your word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends.
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance
that we may grow into the joy of salvation
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (*singing in unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers,
once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word,
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit,
call us out of darkness,
and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

P.P. 505-506 in the Old Testament

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Congregational Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

P.P. 108-109 in the New Testament

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon: Troubled Hearts

Rev. Jim DeMent

John 14:1-2: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

No. 404

Affirmation of Faith (from A 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 triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*singing in unison*)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 420



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read along, nay!, sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season of Eastertide. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation,
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be his Holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
'Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days

Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee!



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Roxanna Hauschild	Claire Heger
Leonard “Mac” McCameron	Roland Merrill	Rickey Ramseur	
Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)	Angie Longoria (Kids for Christ Parent)	Julianna Longoria (Kids for Christ Disciple)	Samantha Skaggs (Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)
John & Jere Swoboda (Prior FPC Members)	Carol Wisdom (Daughter of Lea Lenz)		

**For caregiving concerns—please contact:
Jack Kleinecke (361. 212.3229); or Gayla Whitaker (361. 935.0950)**

FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

**All activities suspended,
pending further notice,
due to public health concerns.**

**FPC Victoria Servant Leadership
Session Members**

Jim DeMent, Moderator
 Jack Kleinecke, Clerk of Session
 Billy Leske, Building & Grounds
 Dawn Neel, Christian Education
 Linda Patterson, Worship
 Marsha Ricottilli, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach
 Susan Salinas, Caregiving & Fellowship
 Jim Stokes, Finance
 Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship
 Bill Wilkinson, Personnel

Other

Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women
 Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
 Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,
 Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School

With Mothers in Our Prayers

It is right and proper that we mark a special day to celebrate our mothers who are still with us and to remember our mothers who have joined the Church Triumphant. It takes a special strength, a special devotion, and often a special sacrifice to care for a child. Sometimes we call this a “maternal instinct,” but mothers often call it a miracle as to how they are able to find the patience, the energy, and the special grace it takes to raise a child.

Let us give joyful thanks and praise every day, and especially this day, to those who are mothers in the traditional sense as well as to those who serve with motherly instincts to care for God’s precious children-- adoptive mothers; foster mothers; teachers; guidance counselors; coaches; relatives; every woman and man who seek to prepare a child to make their way in the world. We pray for mothers of every kind, sort, and description-- from every walk of life. May God bless them in their efforts and encourage them in their sacred tasks.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
 Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster
 Tasha Wolf, Office Administrator

Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 361.575.2441
 info@fpcofvictoria.org