

The Worship of God
4th Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the wild pastures, where sheep graze, and nothing seems amiss.

This place feels so very alive.

The trees clap, the birds sing, and the light bounces

so that it feels like anything could happen here.

We come to worship that promise and possibility.

We come to open our eyes to endless grace.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, walk beside us in this place

and invite us to see what you see.

May we find more love in our gaze

and more grace in our presence

as we worship you today.

Amen.

SING

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

#803

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, when we have held on to our own ways too long,

trusting in what we have come to know so well,

and believing in our own comforts,

enable us to let go of the familiar, and trust in you.

Allow us to let go of our pride, and trust in your companionship.

When our faith seems dry and our souls drier,

enable us to let go of the past, and trust in your future.

Teach us to sing your hope again.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Adapted from Psalm 23 – NRSV)

Jesus, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.

You make me lie down in green pastures;

you lead me beside still waters;

you restore my soul.

You lead me in right paths

for your name’s sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in your house
my whole life long.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

#698

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Ubi Caritas"

#205

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, giver of all things, as people alive to your goodness,
we offer these gifts and the talents of this community
to the service of our neighbors
**within our neighborhood and beyond,
throughout this nation and the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#834

SENDING

Go out into the world in peace and joy,
knowing that in all your turnings God will restore your soul,
and follow you with goodness and mercy each step of the way.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in G Minor”

Clara Schumann