

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5th Sunday in Lent

Fort Dodge, Iowa
March 29, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Be still and know that I am God." ~Psalm 46:10

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90:1

Teach us to number our days

That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, Lord! How long will it be?

Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love.

That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

HYMN OF PRAISE

#2226 "Bind Us Together"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, during this tumultuous time, we see so clearly our frailty and powerlessness. Any illusions of strength and grandeur have been stripped away. We are utterly dependent upon you. Even with technology, we are still gripped with fear, anxiety, and isolation. We see that we have placed our trust in idols of wood and stone. We see how desperately we need your grace every day. Please help us to trust you completely and to give of ourselves when we are so tempted to live selfishly. We confess to you all of our self-centered thoughts and actions. In your mercy, hear our prayer...

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of the Lord lasts forever. And God's word reminds us that there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from God's love. Believe the good news today: through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Knowing You"

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>

Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a wilderness God –

Who breathed life into dust, turned seeds into flowers, and flooded the sky with stars.

We believe in a wilderness God –

Who went hungry in the desert, walked barefoot on the water, and taught from the mountainside.

We believe in a wilderness God –

Whose love could be described as nothing short of wild.

So with confidence and hope, we long to follow our wilderness God who walks with people on their darkest nights,

Who sings hope into places of grief, isolation, and suffering, and who exists in the form of untamed joy, wildfire love, and impossible hope. Step by step, may it be so. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #579

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We invite you to pass the peace in the comment section

INVITATION FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#77 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"In the Wilderness: Jesus in the Wilderness"
The Rev. Dr. Austin D. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please add your prayer requests to the comment section if you feel led to do so

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#293 "This is My Father's World"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for March 29th – April 4th

Members of the Congregation:

Charles Magruder, Terry Dessinger & Millie Nordeen

Friends of the Church:

The family of Dorothy Groteluschen

Prayer Families:

Carol Larson

John & Dee Larson

Richard & Jeniece Laurent

Gary & Rosie Lauterbach

Pray for: (a church in our Presbytery; a church in Fort Dodge)

United Presbyterian Church, Clarion – Rev. Bill Kem &

Epworth United Methodist Church – Pastor Erling Schultz

Rev. Sarah Are wrote our affirmation of faith,

Stewardship News

Online Attendance on March 22nd was 852 (Facebook - 812, YouTube - 40). The offering on 03/22/20 was \$8,491.00. The amount needed each week is \$15,148.22. The total contributions through 03/22/20 are \$110,967.47. The amount needed through 03/22/20 is \$181,778.68.

As you are likely aware by now, our state government has mandated increased social distancing through a variety of measures. This includes the shutdown of numerous businesses and a limitation on the number of people allowed to gather together.

This time of social distancing will be stressful and trying for all of us. Your pastors are available for you to call if you need to talk or pray. Please also check in on your friends from church. Think about the people you most enjoy seeing each week at church, and then call to check in on them this week. Let's practice distancing ourselves from each other physically while remaining close to each other through technology and prayer.

If you are in need of anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. We will help in any way that we can. We have Deacons' and other funds set aside to assist with purchases of necessities. This includes food and any household items necessary to get you through this time. If transportation is an issue, we will be glad to deliver items to your home.

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This is the bulletin for Sunday, March 29th. Please use this to follow along while we broadcast the service. Tune in to our YouTube Channel: FPC Fort Dodge  or our Facebook page at 10 am. You can access both of these channels from our website by clicking on these icons:



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Graham Kendrick
Philippian 3:7

Bind Us Together

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Bind us to- geth-er, Lord; Bind us to- geth-er with cords that can-not be

bro- ken. Bind us to- geth-er, Lord; Bind us to- geth-er, Lord; Bind us to-

geth-er with love. There is on-ly one God, There is on-ly one

King, There is on-ly one bod-y; That is why we can sing:

1. All I once held dear, built my life up on, all this
(2. Now my heart's de- sire is to know You more, to be
(3. Oh, to) know the pow'r of Your ris- en life and to

world found re- veres and wars to
know in You, in and Your known as
fer

own. Yours. All I once thought gain I have
ings. To pos- sess by faith what I
To be- come like You in Your

count- ed loss, spent and worth- less now com- pared to
could not earn, all sur- pass- ing gift of right- eous-
death, my Lord, so with You to live and nev- er

this ness. die. Know- ing You. Je- sus,

know- ing You, there is no great- er

thing. You're my all. You're the best, You're my

joy, my right- eous- ness, and I love You, Lord,

2. Now my Love You, Lord.
3. Oh, to

LENT

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Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFEN ICH 7.7.7.7

George Hunt Smyttan, 1856; alt.

Attr. Martin Herbst, 1676

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
 2. Shall not we Your sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;

For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with You to suf - fer pain?
 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant that we not faint nor fail!
 Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served You faith - ful - ly.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
 Ever constant by Your side;
 That with You we may appear
 At the eternal Eastertide.

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GOD

This Is My Father's World

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TERRA BEATA SMD

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - tening ears All
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

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