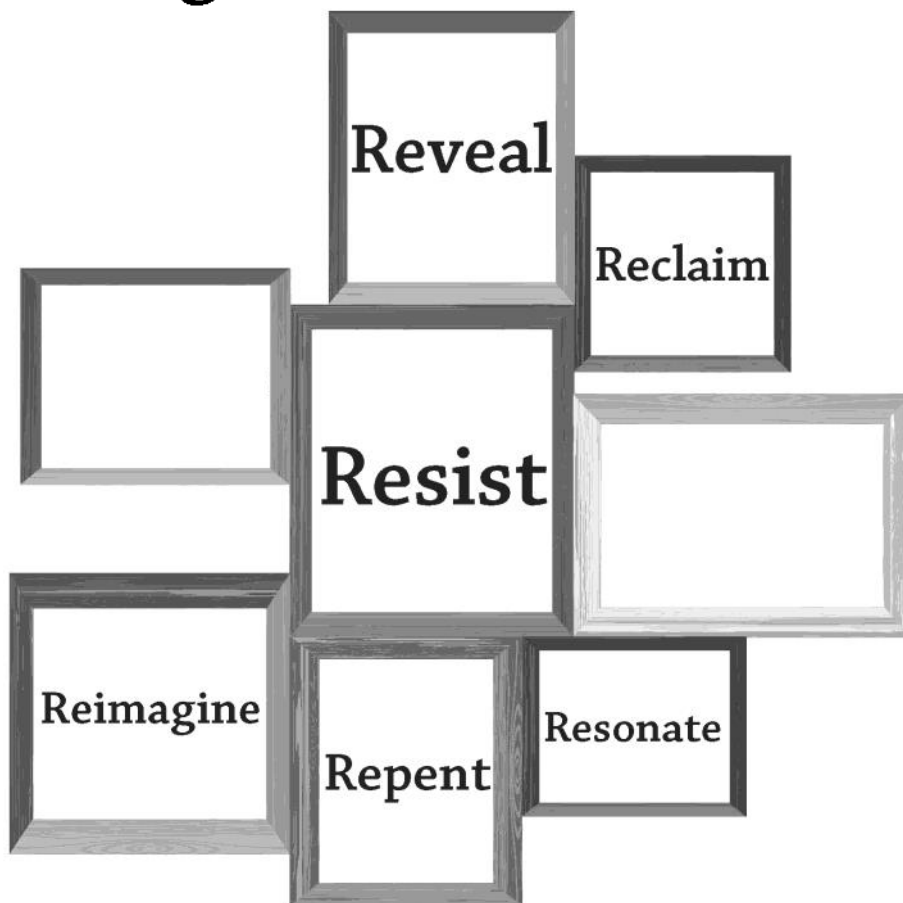


The Service for the Lord's Day

ReFraming Lent



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

9:00

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. Fred Bock

10:30

“Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons”

Percy Whitlock

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus worked miracles and demonstrated holy things.

Jesus wept like we do and lived through struggles, just like we do.

As we worship, may the teachings and wonder of Christ resonate in our lives.

RESPONSE

“Restore in Us, O God”

Hymn #381 vs. 1

Musical notation for the hymn "Restore in Us, O God" (Hymn #381 vs. 1). The notation is in G major and 4/4 time. The first line of music is: G (quarter), Em (quarter), G/B (quarter), Am7/C (quarter), D (quarter), G (quarter), D/F# (quarter), C/E (quarter), G (quarter), Dsus (quarter), D7 (quarter), G (quarter). The lyrics are: "1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love;". The second line of music is: Em (quarter), Bm (quarter), C (quarter), G (quarter), G/B (quarter), Em (quarter), Am/C (quarter), B (quarter), G (quarter), Am (quarter), G/B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), G (quarter). The lyrics are: "re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move." The text "Text: Carl Daw ©1989 Hope Publishing Co." is printed below the second line of music.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Lord God, Great I Am, you are the resurrection and the life. When we travel with you, you reframe all that we see. Your message resonates deeply within us. As we worship, show us who we are: bearers of good news and messengers of resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***HYMN #96**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Our fears and worries often make us feel disconnected from God. Still, Christ’s light shines and leads us back into the paths of grace. So we can confess our sins with confidence in God’s forgiveness. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God, you are all too familiar with our sin. We seem to trust more in death, than we hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons of steel and of words. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us! To our astonishment, you forgive us. Therefore, we worship you, for you alone can save us from these death-dealing ways and redeem us.**

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Trusting in Christ, we pray,

All: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Though death appears all around, there is the healing light of God’s love shining on us and in us. Let the warmth and presence of God resonate within you. Let go of your fear, for God is with you and restores you.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let us share in the reconciliation God offers. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord, we wait for you and in your word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 130”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Aberystwyth*, #439 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

“From the depths I cry to Thee, Savior, Lord, my prayers receive;

Who can stand the press of sin? Those who in Thy grace believe.

Mark not my iniquity, lest the burden break my heart;

Not my heart alone, but Thine, for with mercy great Thou art.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 130 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

Pew Bible, NT pg. 108

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“When Jesus Wept”

William Billings

~Chancel Choir

“When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.”

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SERMON

“Resonate”

Rev. Matthew Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Hymn of Praise”

Felix Mendelssohn

~Brady DeVecchio

“Sing ye praise, all ye redeemed of the Lord, redeemed from the hand of the foe, from your distresses, from deep affliction, who sat in the shadow of death and darkness. All ye that cry in trouble unto the Lord., sing ye praise, give ye thanks, proclaim aloud his goodness. He counteth all your sorrows in the time of need. He comforts the bereaved with His regard. Sing ye praise! Give ye thanks, proclaim aloud His goodness!”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — From Romans 8**

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #703**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Text & Music: Suzanne Toolan ©1966, 1970, 1986, 1993 GIA Publications

***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

"When Jesus Wept"

arr. David Schelat

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Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm: An accessible, family friendly service, to explore the love commandment, foot washing, the last supper, and Jesus' time in prayer in the garden.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm: A service of reflections on the cross through the Passion chorales of J.S. Bach, featuring choir, organ, scriptures, and poetry.

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9am and 11am in the Sanctuary: A service of rejoicing to celebrate the empty tomb and Christ's resurrection, with choir and brass.

Online Giving: Giving online is a fast and easy way to give at FPCRO. Through our PayPal page you may give a one-time gift, or you may set up recurring gifts using a debit/credit card, or your PayPal account. Thank you!



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

S.T.A.G.E. Flower Sale

The annual S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry Flower Sale is back! Order beautiful flowers to plant in your garden, as well as hanging baskets and tomato pots with cages. This is S.T.A.G.E.'s largest and last fundraiser of the season and the youth are counting on your support. All proceeds go directly to supporting the summer mission trip. This summer the group is going to Chicago, Illinois where they will work with *Be the Neighbor*, and will explore the relationship between modern life and the degradation of vital ecological systems.

Orders are accepted online and must be placed by **Tuesday, April 18**. You may pay by credit card, Venmo, PayPal, cash, or check. <https://forms.gle/8bdiefY9KbJcSkQC6>

Flower order **pick up** will be on **Saturday, May 20** between **12 noon and 2pm** at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield Road, Berkley.**

Schedule for S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

(Somewhere To Ask God Everything)

Sunday, March 26 — No meetings: Happy Spring Break!

April 2 & April 9: No meetings: Happy Spring Break and Happy Easter!

April 16: Meeting at Cana/Drayton from 4:30-6:30pm with dinner.

April 22: Volunteer at Forgotten Harvest/Oak Park 9am-12 noon. Register by April 18

April 30: Meeting at First Pres Birmingham from 4:30-6:30pm with dinner.

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> to sign up!

Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> to sign up!

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Linda Willemsen: Happy Heavenly Birthday to Jim Willemsen. Your memory lives on in our hearts each and every day.

Bible Study for Lent

This study, *Improving Baptism*, will look at scripture passages that reflect the challenges of being Jesus' disciple when we know that this journey of Lent leads to a cross. What practices, disciplines, engagements will aid us in the renewal of our baptism and guide us on our journey of following Jesus? This study will meet at **7pm on Wednesday, March 29** and will be led by the **Rev. Neeta Nichols**. via **Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85271251871>, Meeting ID: 852 7125 1871)**

Tom and Ruth Kirkman Scholarship Fund for Higher Education

Are you discerning higher education for yourself? Church members who are high school seniors and older are eligible to apply for a one-time scholarship through the Kirkman Scholarship Fund. This fund allows us to award members who are seeking higher education. Most forms of higher education are eligible for scholarships. They are not limited to colleges and universities. It is not necessary to name your place of learning at the time you apply. Award checks will be mailed to the school later in the year. Applications, due by **March 31**, are available on our church website at www.fpcro.org. For more info, contact Joelle Jarrait.

Mark Your Calendars for a STELLAR VBS • Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon. Registration begins March 1! Be sure to mark your calendars for a week of finding Jesus' light! This is a wonderful week of sharing God's word with our church children and the children of our community. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Not only do we need helpers during the event, but also helpers for planning and designing sets and props. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/ycka7hwf> to join in on the fun!

Book Discussion: Feeling Seen

Join Melissa Ross for a book discussion series on *Feeling Seen: Reconnecting in a Disconnected World*, by Jody Carrington. Order from Amazon (<https://tinyurl.com/3h6kecy2>) or a local bookseller. Meetings will be **in-person at church on Mondays at 7pm, April 10 through May 8**. The book discusses the feeling of disconnection and will help you lean in and learn to reconnect while helping you gain an understanding of how we all got so disconnected in the first place. We'll discuss our own experiences of disconnection and share how we can connect with each other as a congregation. The relationship between our faith and the book will be a focus throughout.

Communion Preparation

The Worship & Music Committee is seeking help in prepping communion for 9am or 10:30am worship services and/or cleanup after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of each month. Join the team and work on a rotating basis. Questions? Please call the church office, or contact Worship & Music committee chair **Julie Matthews** at 248-647-3796. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!