

**First Presbyterian Church
Worship March 19th, 2023**

Welcome! Here at First Presbyterian Church,
Masks are optional.

Lent Four

- **Prelude** *Hymn Medley - Samuel Abney - Piano*
- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**
Liturgist: Winnie Findley



- **Call to Worship, from Philippians 4**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, people of God!

All: The Lord, our God, is here!

Leader: Do not have anxiety about anything.

All: In everything, with prayer and thanksgiving, be ready for God,

Leader: for God's peace which passes all understanding will come to you. **All: Rejoice, yes, rejoice in the great goodness of God. Let us worship God!**

- **Hymn # 96** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

- **Time of Reconciliation, from 1 John, chapter 1**

Leader: God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

All: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

All: So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: We confess our sin to God in the silence of our own hearts.

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

- **Response: 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.

- **Passing of the peace**

- **Handbells Anthem - In the Garden,**
by C. Austin Miles, Arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

- **Kids Time**

- **Scripture Reading**

Lamentations 3:1-24

Romans 8:18-27

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Sermon: "The Blech of Breakup." Rev. Alison Burchett

- **Hymn # 60** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*



- **Offering**

- **Choir Offertory Anthem** *Compassion Hymn,*
Words and Music by Stuart Townend, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Lennox Getty

- **Doxology**

- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

- Hymn # 540 *Take Time to be Holy*

- Benediction

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in d minor by Lubec*

Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us when the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost; You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress for Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again; You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion!

Each day we live an offering of praise as we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face, at the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace; for surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief as You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us. O God of compassion!

Each day we live an offering of praise, as we show to the world Your compassion.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace to the fields of injustice and the valleys of need. To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion!

Each day we live, an offering of praise as we show to the world Your compassion.

As we show to the world Your compassion, As we show to the world Your compassion,
Your compassion,
Your compassion.



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