

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, these gifts represent our willingness to deny a portion to ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, and your hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4. High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SENDING ANTHEM

"Meeting Is Over"

Arr. James E. Clemens

The Sanctuary Choir

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

AR HYD Y NOS

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

Here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Jesus Shall Reign'"

Gilbert M. Martin

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

REV. PAT HALVERSON

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Music Notes: The *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning with an anthem by American composer Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949). The work is a setting of a poem by Jane Griner. We thank Linda Allebach for playing the organ this morning.

Next week, March 18, the *Sanctuary Choir* provides music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Brenda Boyd; Robin Ciccotelli; Sue Ervin and family (*death of mother and grandmother*); Brooklyn Howard; Sean Jacobsmeier; The Kardel Family (*death of Harlen, father and grandfather*); the Larson Family (*death of Dorothy*); Wava & Pete Madden (*death of grandson*); Bob McCowan; Rev. Dr. Richard Miller; the Shawver family (*death of Bruce*); the Speer family (*death of Marilyn*); the White family (*death of Faye*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,
curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

1702 Iowa Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

"Search me, O God, and know my heart...
and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23, 24

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: Elder Marty Bowles Edwards; Sermon: Rev. Pat Halverson

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE “Four Chorale Miniatures on the Hymn Tune Dix” Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE “Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 9” Johannes Brahms

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: to the places where God meets us.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell of the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, and to proclaim God’s hope to all people.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.

***HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICAEA

At the 9:00 AM service, children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the hymn ends.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

Elder Kristine Oswald

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “Take O Take Me” one time.



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be, set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we enter this holy place, knowing about our weak discipleship. The distractions of our lives cause us to only give you fleeting moments. We talk about many mindless things with each other, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We want quick fixes, rather than discerning your vision and future for our lives. God, forgive us for our lack of trust, and for our faithless living. Lead us to lay aside all that keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Take O Take Me” one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with - out end, A - men, A - men.

ANTHEM 11:00 AM “Sing Me to Heaven” Daniel Gawthrop

The Sanctuary Choir

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 139

The Old Testament page 577

Mark 4:35-41

The New Testament page 39

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Merciful and Mighty”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX



1. For the_ beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the_ won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the_ joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the_ joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the_ love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and_ vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the_ mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on_ earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD’S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

9:00 AM

“Sing Me to Heaven”

Daniel Gawthrop

The Sanctuary Choir

11:00 AM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Arr. Robert A. Hobby

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDRETH, 592 in the hymnal



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures



here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;



Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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