

March 21, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

SCRIPTURE READING FOR MEDITATION

Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
Hebrews 5: 5-10

Psalm 51  
John 12: 20-33

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.” (John 12: 20-22 NRSV)*

### The Church Gathers To...

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Preparation for Worship

*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.*

#### Prelude

Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee

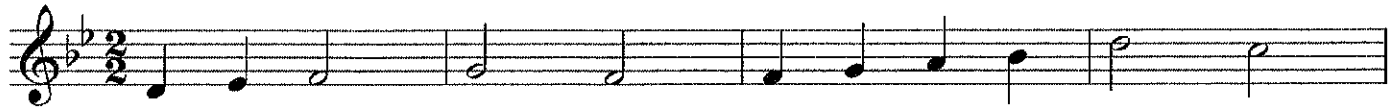
Marcel Dupré

### Praise Almighty God

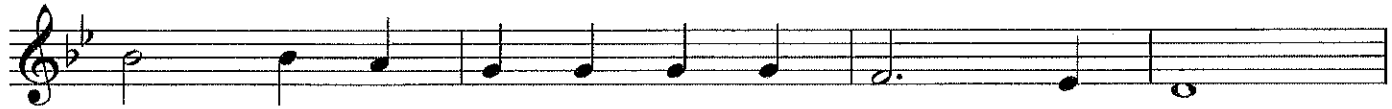
#### Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 51, NRSV*

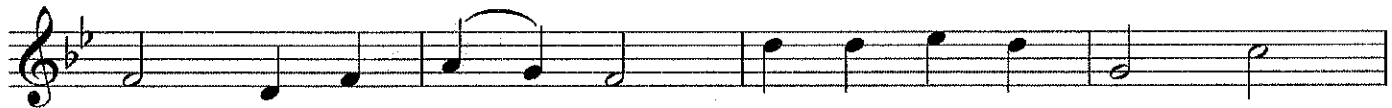
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
**And put a new and right spirit within me.**  
Oh Lord, open my lips;  
**And my mouth will declare your praise!**  
Let us worship God.



1. We would see Je - sus; lo! his star is shin - ing  
 2. We would see Je - sus, on the moun-tain teach - ing,  
 3. We would see Je - sus, in his work of heal - ing,  
 4. We would see Je - sus, in the ear - ly morn - ing,



a - bove the sta - ble while the an - gels sing;  
 with all the lis - tening peo - ple gath - ered round;  
 at ev - en - tide be - fore the sun was set;  
 still as of old he call - eth, "Fol - low me!"



there in a man - ger on the hay re - clin - ing;  
 while birds and flowers and sky a - bove are preach - ing  
 di - vine and hu - man, in his deep re - veal - ing  
 Let us a - rise, all mean - er ser - vice scorn - ing;



haste, let us lay our gifts be - fore the King,  
 the bless - ed - ness which sim - ple trust has found.  
 of God made flesh, in lov - ing ser - vice met.  
 Lord, we are thine, we give our - selves to thee.

## Children's Message

Sarah Greim

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

## Call to Confession

based on Psalm 51, NRSV

The Psalmist sang, "[God] desire[s] truth in [our] inward being and teach[es] [us] wisdom in [our] secret hearts."  
 With the Psalmist we ask, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love."

Let us speak our truth to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

## Prayer of Confession

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We come with broken hearts;

**Lord, have mercy.**

We know our transgressions;

**Christ, have mercy.**

Create in us clean hearts;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

*based on Psalm 51, NRSV*

“The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; God will not despise a broken and contrite heart ....

[God restores] us [in] the joy of salvation and sustain[s]in [us] a willing spirit.”

Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Listen for God’s Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*adapted from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion*

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and create a whole new world. As we listen for your Word in the words, fill us with your Spirit that we might fix our eyes upon you; Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

John 12: 20-33

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Hearts Broken Open

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**Respond to God’s Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Selected from the Barmen Declaration and Confession of 1967, PC(USA)*

“The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead.” “The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness .... [to] the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ .... So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.”

**Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God**

*from John 12: 24, NRSV; Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, adapted*

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and takes on new life, it remains just a single grain.

With grateful hearts, we bring the fruit of our lives to God.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Ted Brown, bass; Alex Gilson, piano

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**Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God**

*Please sing the Doxology.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of extravagant mercy, you have opened our spirits and filled us with your abundant love. Take these offerings and use them, that all the world might see Jesus; Amen.**

## 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 (debts)

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

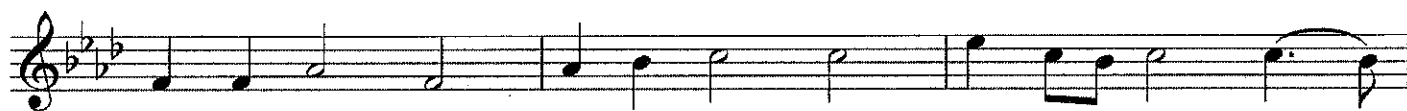
### Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3. Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

### Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Live in such a way that all you meet might see Jesus.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the community of the Holy Spirit be your constant companions.

### Postlude

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Jolene Keeney and family (*death of mother*); Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Lasala family (*loss of Frank's father, Felice*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.



### Easter Flowers 2021

The chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, complete this form indicating how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin, and place the slip, with your donation check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office, no later than Friday, March, 26.

Easter Flowers 2021

In memory or in honor of: (circle one)

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Given by:

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



### Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28 - 9:30 AM  
*outdoor service — Procession with Palms*

Drive-Thru Easter Basket Dash, Sunday, March 28 - 1:00 PM  
*Pick up Easter Egg baskets in the Iowa Street parking lot*

Maundy Thursday, April 1 - 7:00 PM  
*outdoor service — Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, April 2 - 7:30 PM  
*Facebook online virtual service — Service of Tenebrae with vocal/instrumental solos & readings*

Easter Sunday, April 4 - 9:30 AM  
*outdoor service — Celebration of the Resurrection with the FPC Sanctuary Choir*

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## Highlights from March 2021 Session Meeting

- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala to her first FPC Session meeting as our Moderator.
- Heard from the Darren Long and the Building and Grounds Committee about a long list of repairs and deep cleaning that has been accomplished in the time that the building has been largely unused.
- Heard a report from the Commissioners to the 196<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Concerns at Presbytery included the low receipts from Per Capita and the recent closing of several small congregations. Camp Wyoming is accepting registration for summer camps. Alex Gilson provided beautiful music for the meeting's worship service. Thanks, Alex.
- The Personnel Committee is currently working on annual staff performance reviews. They anticipate completing these soon.
- Approved funding for equipment that will allow for live streaming of outdoor worship and other outside events.
- Reviewed the Synod Administrative Review Committee final report. Approved immediate distribution of the report to the congregation. Links to this report will be provided over the next several weeks in the bulletin and E-news. Copies will be mailed on request.

### Motion 1 - Distribution:

- Whereas, the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) told Session that it is Session's decision about if and how to distribute their report to the congregation, and
- Whereas, the Presbytery of East Iowa made the SARC report available to all who receive their e-news on Monday, March 8, 2021, and
- Whereas, many members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church – Davenport have keen interest in the SARC report,
- Session directs Staff to make the SARC report available as quickly and widely as possible. Session expects that distribution will include, but not be limited to, placing the report or a link to the report on the church website, including a link to the report in the next 4 e-news distributions, mentioning the SARC report in the weekly bulletin over the next 4 weeks, mentioning the SARC report in the next edition of the broadcaster, posting the SARC report physically on at least one bulletin board in the church, and mailing a physical copy to anyone who requests it.
- Session further directs that no commentary be attached to the report when it is distributed.

*Please visit the FPC website ([fpcdavenport.org](http://fpcdavenport.org)) to view the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) report.*

**Adult Christian Education (ACE):** *Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala – Today, 10:45-11:45 AM*  
Join us on Zoom today as we welcome Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala with an informal coffee hour.

Join us on Zoom at 10:45 AM:

<https://zoom.us/j/91539050753?pwd=b2JYN0VyOW52N0ZESHQ2YUhyelhtUT09>

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

### **85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Card Shower for Dennis Johns, Cards Due By Monday, March 22!**

Long time FPC member Dennis Johns is turning 85 this month and his family would like to throw him a card shower. If you would like to send him a birthday card, please mail or drop off your card to the church office. We will put the cards together and send them to him. We must receive cards no later than Monday, March 22 in order for them to be included in the mailing.

**Bible Basics 201** - Tuesdays, 6:15 pm

we begin a series reading through the Minor Prophets. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Join us anytime. We are a friendly bunch!

**March 23:** Dominant Powers in the Middle East at the time of the Prophets

**March 30:** Joel

**April 6:** Amos

The Zoom address will stay the same. Join online:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZ0NEKzBYUT09>

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**Bible Basics 101** - Wednesdays, 6:45

This 9-week class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. All are welcome. Join in anytime. Here are some up-coming lessons. Contact Mark Jones for additional information or handout material (mkjones@mchsi.com).

**March 24** – The gospel stories of the last supper, Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-39, John 13: 1-38.

Zoom information for Bible Basics 101:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93804817828?pwd=S1R3ZlB2Ly9zeGh3YnJoNEhDaVBjQT09>

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**Easter Candy Needed, Please Bring Donations By Wednesday, March 24!**

The church is holding its first ever Drive-Thru Easter Bag Dash! Sunday March 28 from 1:00-2:00 PM, kids ages one through sixth grade can dash across the lawn for a bag of Easter treats! Church members can help by donating Easter candy. Please bring donations to the church office by Wednesday, March 24. Our youth thank you!

**Performing Arts Series: Hannah Holman Concert**

The 2021 PAS season began last night with a concert featuring QCSO Principal Cellist Hannah Holman, accompanied by Director of Music Matt Bishop. Due to COVID restrictions, this concert is virtual-only. Ticket purchasers will receive a private link to the pre-recorded concert video, which is available now until March 27. *If you prefer, a DVD of the concert can be sent to your home as well. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and may be purchased online: <https://fpc.betterworld.org/events/pas-virtual-concert-hannah-holman>*

This concert features works by Antonio Vivaldi, Marin Marais, J.S. Bach, Gabriel Fauré, David Popper, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. To learn more about Hannah Holman, visit <https://www.hannahholmancello.com>.

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**Deacons' Toilet Paper Drive, Through Wednesday, March 31**

It's toilet paper time! Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive. From now until March 31 you may bring donations to the church, which will be given to the Humility of Mary Shelter services. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Deacons await to do your toilet paper shopping for you!

Let's demonstrate love in action and support this worthy cause.

## **You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach**

One Great Hour of Sharing Leaders' Guide  
Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA)

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** — **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, and **Self-Development of People** — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 17 – April 4), each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

These are the programs served by our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering:

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA):** Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees: Receives 32% of funds raised

**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP):** Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed: Receives 36% of funds raised

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP):** Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues: Receives 32% of funds raised.

### **Food Pantry Donations Needed!**

Remember when church was in person? How you walked into the narthex and saw ushers with bulletins? Maybe a bulletin board with information about an upcoming event? And then you put your canned goods in the Food Pantry basket? Friends, the need for those Food Pantry donations is still with our community. Please know you may drop off goods in the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations go to The Center on Brady St.

## **Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Spring 2021**

### **Kirkwood Club - Grades 1-5**

Save the dates for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activities! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 PM on March 24, and April 28. Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

### **Youth Events - Grades 6-12**

Until COVID rates go down, Youth Group will be meeting monthly for games and activities. Save the dates for youth group fellowship activities! Everyone is welcome. We'll also have service activities, time and date *To Be Announced* depending on the project. We'll meet Sundays from 1:00 - 1:45 PM on March 28 and April 18.

### **Kirkwood Choir Schedule – Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM**

The tentative Kirkwood Choir Early Spring 2021 schedule is listed below. The Club meets on scheduled Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact Linda Bengfort for further information.

March 31    April 7    April 14    April 21

To get youth group updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @612thgra to 81010 (or add @612thgra on the Remind app).



**Calling all kids! Drive-Thru Easter Basket Dash – Sunday, March 28, 1:00-2:00 PM**

Easter egg hunts may be cancelled, but don't despair -- the church is holding its first ever drive-thru Easter Basket Dash! Sunday March 28, kids ages 2-6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome between 1:00-2:00 PM. Parents enter the east lot on Iowa St. Your child will be directed to an area where they can grab an Easter bag off the lawn and then return to their vehicle. Social distancing measures will be followed.

Sunday School packets for April can also be picked up during this time for those who need them.

Mark your calendars! Don't miss the fun!

**Join Online: Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM**

*For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook.*

**Sunday School is Online!**

Attention parents! Join us on Zoom for Sunday School! We meet from 10:30-11:00 AM every Sunday for Bible stories, sharing, and learning together. For security, the Zoom link is being emailed - please be sure to register for Sunday school (or contact Paula Hartmann; [ppelhartmann@aol.com](mailto:ppelhartmann@aol.com)) so we can get your kids involved!

**Cherubs and MusikGarten – Sundays, 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

Cherubs and MusikGarten meet on Zoom to coincide with our Sunday School schedule. MusikGarten will meet from 10:30-11:00 AM. Infants through three year-olds and their parents are invited to come to MusikGarten. Cherubs will meet from 11:00-11:15 AM following their Sunday School class that begins at 10:30 AM. Cherubs are in pre-school and Kindergarten. If you have questions about either group, contact Kathy Middleton ([kathrynb15@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynb15@gmail.com); 563-505-0471.)

