



Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

March 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE

Ralph Vaughn Williams

My Song is Love Unknown (RHOSYMEDRE)

INTROIT

Lord Jesus Think on Me

Damon's Psalter, 1579

*Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free and make me pure within.
Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point Thou the heavenly way.
Lord Jesus, think on me.*

GREETING (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Psalm 130, adapted

We wait for the Lord.

Our hearts wait for the Lord.

We wait for the Lord,

More than those who wait for the dawn.

Oh friends, hope in the Lord!

With the Lord there is steadfast love.

With the Lord there is redemption.

Let us trust in the Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(WORDS & MUSIC ON NEXT PAGE)

ST. DENIO

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God, we confess to You our fear and anxiety and our lack of faith in You. We confess that we have taken community for granted. We confess that we are not as self-sufficient as we had imagined. We confess to You that we need You, perhaps now more than ever. Renew our confidence in You and sustain our weary spirits that we might live as people of hope.

A brief silence for individual confession is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

Titus 3:5

In Jesus God rescues us,

Not because of any good works that we have done,

But according to God’s mercy.

People of God, rejoice!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

If you are worshipping by yourself at home,

take a moment to know and trust that the peace of Christ is with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 130

O.T. pg. 536

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-6; 14-27; 32-45

N.T. pg. 91

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

"Where is God?"

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp

Silent meditation on sermon.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

Excerpt from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please give online through the MPC website, mail a check to your church,
or drop a check off through the office mail slot.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus W. A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum,
Immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered,
Sacrificed on the Cross for mankind.
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all creation, we thank You for Jesus, who rescues us. We praise You for the love
You pour out on us, and on all creation. Give us gratitude, O God, and a great desire to
serve You by following in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(WORDS & MUSIC ON NEXT PAGE)

CONVERSE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

*CHORAL RESPONSE God Be in My Head John Rutter
*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.*

*POSTLUDE If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

Reminder: Our worship service will be posted on our website by Monday afternoons. Please visit www.memorialpcusa.org.

Services may be found under the Worship heading.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Broos, Director of Ministries to Children and Young Families: Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, The Peace, Prayer for Illumination, First Lesson, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ray McDonald: Director of Music and Organist

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God,
neighbor and self by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**There are no announcements attached to this bulletin.
All information will come from the Midweek News.**



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