

Third Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday

March 3, 2024
10:30 a.m. Worship

Koenig, Peter. Christ Overturns the Tables of the Moneylenders, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58520> [retrieved February 26, 2024]. Original source: Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig, <https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up...” But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

--John 2:19, 21

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

This service is being livestreamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website www.fpcsb.net, along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Thursday, March 28th.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Jon Horstmann

REFLECTION before the SERVICE

My natural inclination was to see relationships, to seek the threads that connect the world, to join instead of divide. But science is rigorous in separating the observer from the observed, and the observed from the observer. Why two flowers are beautiful together would violate the division necessary for objectivity.

Robin Wall Kimmerer,
Braiding Sweetgrass

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Chaconne

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

INVITATION to LENT¹

INTROIT

I bring my heart to Thee²

David H. Williams

I bring my heart to Thee Thou Lamb of Calvary. Hear Thou my prayer to thee,
O living God. Amen.

BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE 286

✠ Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

*CALL to WORSHIP

Lent calls us to search our hearts and seek God;

✠ Let us seek God and worship together.

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

* Stand if you are able

✠ The congregation will read.

¹ Richardson, Jan. *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* (pp. 100-101). Wanton Gospeller Press. Kindle Edition.

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TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship.

There are activities bags in the Narthex.

Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]

READING of the TEN COMMANDMENTS

[Moment of silent contemplation]

PRAYER of CONFESSION

✠ Merciful God,
 save us from willfully ignoring your way.
 Let your commandments rule and guide us.
 Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you;
 keep us faithful.
 Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—
 with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
 Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
 rather than words that belittle or destroy.
 Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.
 Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and
 power,
 for you are the God who made us,
 led us out slavery, and brought us into the community of faith.
 Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
 In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Jesus came not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it

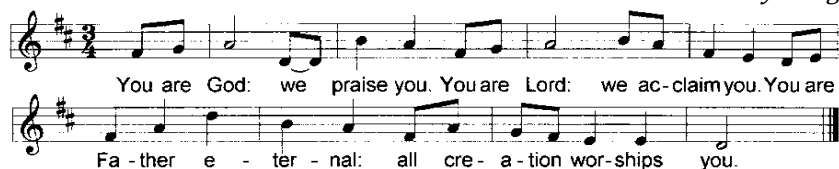
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

✠ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

***TE DEUM**

You Are God³

Marty Haugen



SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-22

New Testament, pg. 93

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Stones and Temples

Pastor Wendy Lamb

ANTHEM

And Can It Be That I Should Gain ⁴

Jim Taylor

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? *Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?* He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, if found out me. *Amazing love! ...* 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. *Amazing love! ...* No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Amazing love! ...*

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may place gifts in the plate during the offertory, or on your way out – or by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER⁵

INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

James C. Huffstutler

✠ Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Glory in the highest!
Blessed! Blessed!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.

MORNING PRAYER and OUR LORD'S PRAYER

✠ 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.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

WORDS of INSTITUTION

WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread is available.

Communion will be served by intinction at two stations. As you feel ready, please come up the center aisle to a station, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.

As you prepare to go forward and when you have returned, please join us in our sung prayer. These refrains will be sung over and over as we make them our own prayers.

SUNG PRAYERS

527 *Eat This Bread*⁶

✠ Eat this bread, drink this cup,

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come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst

227 *Jesus, Remember Me*⁷

- ✘ Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

90 *Wait for the Lord*⁸

- ✘ Wait for the Lord, whose day is near;
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart.

204 *Stay with Me*⁹

- ✘ Stay with me; remain here with me;
watch and pray. Watch and pray.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

- ✘ God of grace,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food give us strength for the journey
and help us to love and serve you in each other
and in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

Paul Sjolund

Jesus our only Joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be; In Thee be all our glory
now, And through eternity.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

W. Zeitler

(For health reasons we are not greeting at the door)

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GREETERS: Tom & Donna Garza

USHERS: Mark Adelson, *Lead Usher*

John-Paul Fletcher, Marilyn Kraft, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Lorraine Bishop, Noé Falconi, Marianna Fowles

Elders: Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman

Deacons: Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda, Steve Smith

This Weeks' Celebrations

Mar 3 Teofila Rosemarie Fletcher
Asher Gano

Mar 5 Joyce Lyons

Mar 7 Kathy Showman

Mar 9 Sherman Ballard
Brent & Joanna Nord

Lenten Quiet Nights will continue each Thursday through March 21st. Come at 5:30 p.m. to the Fireside Lounge for a quiet, contemplative service, followed by a simple supper of soup and bread. The service includes space for silence, and the supper is an opportunity for fellowship. Please join us.

Palm Saturday! On Saturday, March 23rd, we will gather in Fireside Lounge at **9:00 a.m.** for a morning of fellowship and creation, to make palm crosses for Sunday. Everyone invited! No experience required! (Please bring your own scissors!) **At 10:00 a.m., we will prepare the sanctuary for Palm Sunday.** We invite you to join us!

Saturday Morning, March 30th, you're invited help the Worship Committee prepare our sanctuary for Easter morning. Bring your garden's most beautiful flowers, blooming branches, and greenery. (If you bring them in buckets of water, they will stay fresh until

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arranged!) Bring pruning shears and garden gloves if you would like to help make arrangements. We will gather at **9:00 a.m.** Come join us, whether you have flowers to bring or not, in our tradition of beauty and creativity, as we prepare for Easter!

Companions on the Inner Way Retreat Opportunity, Spring 2024

First Pres San Bernardino has a long history of supporting and attending Companions on the Inner Way Retreats. Companions on the Inner Way offers a safe communal place to explore deep longings for the Holy. Grounded in the Christian tradition, the guided retreats incorporate body, mind, and soul through presentations, dialogue, spiritual practices, art, music, movement, and worship with Eucharist. We strive to create an environment that is theologically curious, radically welcoming, and liturgically vibrant.

This year's retreat will take place from **Sunday, April 14 - Friday, April 19, 2024.** Its theme is 'Canticle of Creation, Mirror of God.' The retreat's brochure states that, "In the legacy of Celtic Christianity, we're reminded that the teachings of the Bible are a wee book, set beside the big book that is Creation." The presenters for this week will be Reverend Simon Ruth de Voil and Dr. Jeanette Banashak. More information is available on the website, www.cotiway.org, where you can also register.

Scholarships are available. Please contact Christa Wallis at chriwallis@aol.com if you'd like to receive a scholarship to help defray the cost of attending.

More News and announcements are available in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

Music Box

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) attended King Edward's School, Birmingham, where he studied under James Prince Lee who later became the Bishop of Manchester; it was during this period of his life that his strong mental independence and extreme study habits were noticed. At this time he joined the Church of England (having been raised a nonconformist). He graduated from Oxford in 1857, after undergraduate studies at Cambridge.

In 1858, Hatch won the Ellerton prize — still offered today: "If you are a University of Oxford student with excellent writing skills you could win the Ellerton Theological Essay Prize. It is worth £500. The essay should be up to 10,000 words and be written on a doctrine or duty of the Christian religion, or any other subject approved by the judges."

In 1859, he was ordained an Anglican priest, ministered in an Anglican parish in the slums of east London before accepting a position at Trinity College in Quebec. Until his return to Oxford in 1867, he also served as rector of the High School of Quebec, and as professor of Classics at Morrin College. He also served as vice-principal of Saint Mary Hall until 1885. In 1884 he was appointed university reader in ecclesiastical history (regarded as he was as a leading authority on the early Church).

While a Grinfield lecturer from 1880 to 1884 he presented his concordance on the Septuagint. A 'concordance' is a book in which you can look up a word — say, 'angel' — and it lists all the places in the Bible where that word occurs. The Septuagint is a translation done in the 3rd century BCE from Hebrew into Greek. In Jesus' day it remained in widespread use among Greek speaking people in the ancient world — many quotes from the Old Testament in the New are verbatim from the Septuagint. The Septuagint is still an extremely important document in ancient Biblical Language studies as it functions as a 'linguistic glue' between the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament. The idea of doing a concordance of the Septuagint is a daunting prospect — particularly when cutting edge technology was index cards!

Near as I can determine Hatch wrote maybe a dozen hymn texts, of which "Breathe on Me Breath of God" is by far the most popular.

The tune to which Hatch's hymn text is usually paired was written by Robert Jackson (1842-1914). He was born in Oldham (near

Lancashire), England. Jackson's father played the organ at St. Peter's Church in Oldham. Robert attended the Royal Academy of Music, and served as organist at St. Mark's Church at Grosvenor Square in London. He also played in the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. In 1868, he took over his father's duties at St. Peter's in Oldham, and played the organ there 46 years — together father and son served almost an entire century.

--William Zeitler



The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Mission Assessment Plan will be completed by our Mission Assessment Team:

Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Nancy Horstmann,
Marilyn Kraft, Jim Morris, Brent Nord, Irene Sandoval Suverkrup