

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sung by the Concert Choir of Muskingum College

Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” Iain Quinn
*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Loving God, hear our cry.*
People: **Bring us to life.**
Leader: *Redeeming God, rescue us.*
People: **Bring us to life.**
Leader: *Spirit of God, breathe on us.*
People: **Bring us to life. Let us worship!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

O God, we believe that you are Alpha and Omega—
the beginning and the end.
But sometimes it feels like we are on our own,
and then the illusion of control can be so seductive.
Forgive us when we try to control you,
insisting that your will must match our will.
For we confess that we do not like the unknown,
so we fill that void with the “shoulds” and “musts”
we expect both you and others to obey.
We’d rather keep the door closed with certainty
than risk opening to changed life.
We’d rather be bound up in our own beliefs
than risk being set free by love, for love.
So forgive us, unbind us, and bring us back to full life in you.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Anthem

“Svjati Boze” Lisa Milena Simikic
*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 32 Old Testament, page 479

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581
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.

Scripture Lesson

John 11 (*selected verses*) New Testament, page 98
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John
“The Story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

“Hear the Prayers of Your Faithful People” Morgan Simmons

*Hear the prayers of your faithful people,
and grant us the presence of your Holy Spirit.*

Offertory Anthem

“All My Trials” Bahamian spiritual
arr. Norman Luboff

*If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor
would die. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers, too late,
but never mind. Now hush, little baby, don't you cry, you know that man
was born to die. Too late, my sisters, too late, but never mind.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. May the act of giving this offering help to pry open our hearts and our minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Voluntary in A Major Clarence Eddy

One Great Hour of Sharing

Called to be “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.”

—ISAIAH 58:12

Your gifts to our Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing Offering touch the lives of those in need, respond to injustice, provide shelter, and feed the hungry, both here in our city and around the world.

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To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks, write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or make a gift online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

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Worship Notes

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we will be extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

TODAY’S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by John R. Buchanan on behalf of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

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