

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

- Prelude for Lent . . . . . Basil Harwood  
What Wondrous Love . . . . . American folk hymn  
arr. Aaron David Miller  
Lenten Prelude . . . . . Eric H. Thiman  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need . . . . . American folk hymn  
arr. A. D. Miller

### Introit

- “God Be in My Head” . . . . . Fraser Wilson  
*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 at my departing.*

- \*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: *Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us;*  
People: a time to let the events get up and walk around in us;  
Leader: *a time to intensify our living unto Christ;*  
People: a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts;  
Leader: *a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to Christ’s word.*  
People: Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God.  
Leader: *Let us enter this season with open hearts. Let us worship!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

- \*Hymn 167 . . . . . “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of compassion,  
in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners  
but welcomed them with love.  
Look upon us in mercy, we pray.  
Our sins are more than we can bear;  
our pasts hold us back; our misdeeds seem beyond correcting.  
Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo;  
free us from the past we cannot change;  
heal what we can no longer fix.  
Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past  
into the joys of new life with you.  
Bend low, O God, and come to us in the silence  
as we seek to open our hearts more fully to you.  
(*Please hold silence.*)

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie . . . . . Franz Schubert

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

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Miserere mei” . . . . . William Byrd  
*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 19:1–10. . . . . Old Testament, page 472

\*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

Mark 10:17–31 . . . . . New Testament, page 43

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

“The Story of the Rich One” . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 821 . . . . . “My Life Flows On”

\*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.

New Members (11:00)

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

“Amen” . . . . . W. Byrd

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Agnus Dei” . . . . . Karl Jenkins

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

\*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.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 65 . . . . . “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune . . . . . Gilbert Martin

# 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.

*Your gifts support*

**Presbyterian Hunger Program**, which takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and address the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

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**Fourth Church Meals Ministry**, which distributes bag lunches each week, Tuesday through Thursday, to 200 people and serves a hot meal to approximately 130 guests on both Sunday and Monday nights.

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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgiving)

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Kat Evans, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

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## Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

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9:30 The Monroy Family

11:00 The Satre Family

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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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 are 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 the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE depicts the top of a bush in the Michigan Avenue courtyard during a snowstorm. The cover quote is from Walter Brueggemann’s book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

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