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Ten Forty-Five



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude Welcome

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew.

*Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

www.homileticonline.com

In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

God invites us to come just as we are.

We come longing to experience God's embrace.

God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

We come hungry to encounter the Word.

God feeds us the Bread of Life.

We come parched for renewal and restoration.

God quenches our thirst with living water.

We come weary and worn.

God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

In wonder and in awe come and worship!

We come as we are to be ready to be changed by God's love and grace.

Give glory to God! Amen.

* Hymn #467

"How Great Thou Art"

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*Invitation to Confession of Sin

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Let us admit our sins before God.

*Litany of Confession of Sin

Joan Stott, thetimelesspsalms.net

We come, God of unfailing love, to confess to you our sin and disobedience.

In faith and trust,

we also confess that you are indeed our eternal hiding place.

We come, God of our security and peace, to confess to you our willful defiance.

In hope and expectation,

we also confess that you are our Guide and Advisor.

We come, God of compassion and mercy,

to confess to you our selfish desires and self-centeredness,

asking that through your generous grace, you will bless us.

In the confident assurance of God's protective love and mercy towards

repentant sinners, today we claim the joy that God gifts to us,

knowing that we are blessed. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579

Special Music

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Congregational response "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Children of the Church

Sung Prayer for Illumination(in unison) (sung two times)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

First Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 11:17-45

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Preaching to the Dead"

Rev. John F. Koerner

*I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.*

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Apostle's Creed

Page 14 of the Hymnal

*Hymn #394

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) 2x

Surely it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

* Organ Postlude

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....Ginger Delawder
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Parish Associate..... Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power through the universe displayed.

*Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Chorus:

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in the 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; on 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; the life everlasting. Amen.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Chorus: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.

Chorus:

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend.

Chorus:

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus And say, "He died for all."

Chorus:

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Chorus: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus:

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: