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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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March 26, 2023



Ten Forty-Five

FIFTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace (John 20:19,21,26)

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

Announcements

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card and place in collection plate.

Call to Worship

Come home.

**Come to the place of healing.**

Come, let your thirst be quenched.

**Come to God's embrace.**

Come, let your heart be blessed.

**Come home.**

Find yourself loved.

**Discover a life to be lived and a song to be sung.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**You have gathered us, O God, and we are yours. Lift us out of the muddled pit of the things that trouble us and pull at our attention. Lift us in your love. Grant us your grace. Help us to rejoice in your presence. For you alone have the words of eternal and joyful life. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn History

\* Hymn see insert

“Love Lifted Me”

\*Call to Confession

We are the beloved children of God. So let us come now with all confidence that our prayers will be heard. Yet, let us come also in all humility, for we are all sinners in need of a savior.

\*Prayer of Confession

-Outside of the Garden

**Merciful God, you have surrounded us with abundant good and invited us to partake. Rather than respond with gratitude, we long for that which we do not have. We compare ourselves to others and want more, different, newer, shinier. We fail to discipline our desires and instead glorify and indulge them. We want maturity without growing pains, character without effort, courage without testing, wisdom without difficulty. Lord, forgive our foolish ways. Grant us instead a longing for your presence and a burning passion for your truth. Above all else may we seek to know your heart, to delight in your presence and to desire your ways and thoughts which are higher than ours. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us.

Friends, believe the good news . . .  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579 in Hymnal

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (verse 1)  
Children of the Church

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Like Moses before the burning bush, we are standing on holy ground this morning, O Lord. We are waiting to hear your word read and proclaimed. Help us to hear and to believe all that you would say to us today. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson John 11:1-45

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

Sermon "Beyond Physical Health" Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*The Creed *A Brief Statement of Faith* (lines 1-6, 72-80)

In Life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
To live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
Praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Hymn #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Maryton LM*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Special Music Handbells

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made through our website  
[www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)

Offertory Anthem



- \* The Doxology
- \* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn #384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

\* Benediction

May the Grace of Christ,  
**Which daily renews us,**  
 And the love of God  
**Which enables us to love all,**  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
**Which unites us in one body,**  
 Make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again.  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* 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

Kay Devono



Special Music

"Peace"

HANDBELLS

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
 Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
 Worship Leader.....Betty Brandli  
 Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris  
 Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris  
 Children Moments .....Heather Sigmon  
 Ushers .....David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens

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*Following the worship service, the Evangelism & Fellowship Committee will meet.*

*Following the worship service, we will have our Lenten Easter Happening. Light lunch and crafts and activities for the children.*

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Prayer group 10:00 a.m.

Zoom or in person

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch - Chicken noodle or Vegetable Soup with sandwiches. Rev. Michael Burge - Stealey/Temple UMC

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

Zoom or in person

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - Laundry Ministry 4:30 p.m.

Sally & Suzi

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - AA meeting at noon

Youth Group is collecting donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant for hygiene kits to distribute to local schools.

Deacon Local Mission outreach for April is CASA. We will be collecting the following items for older youth:

-Size Medium Men's clothing

-Men's socks

-Men's boxers in all sizes

-Items for teens - e.g. hair supplies, hygiene items, books, journals, etc.

-Gift cards for outings -e.g. McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Subway, Target

Deacons will be making Easter treat bags for residents at the VA Nursing Home. If you would like to donate candy or small packaged snack items, please drop them off to the church office by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Laundry Ministry is in need of liquid laundry soap and dryer sheets. What a unique blessing we are providing to our community. Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors that keep this project going.



Bonnie Coleman, Sean Keerer, Sally Gray's brother-in-law John and her sister Beverly, Diane Keller's mother Diane Parker, Bonnie Coleman's cousin Molly McColgan, Muse family, Mary Ann Ribas, Hunter, Sara and Baby Maddox Ring, Genie's mother-in-law Julie, Jennifer Smith, Mark Free and his mother.

Churches - First Presbyterian Church, Ripley  
Waverley-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverley

Special Care Facilities: Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell, Doris Holt.

Birthdays this week

27<sup>th</sup> - Declan Wadsworth

30<sup>th</sup> - Jane Simmerman

April 1<sup>st</sup> - Lily Sigmon



Last Sunday (inadvertently left out of bulletin)  
The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God and presented by Karen Tyson  
"in memory of my Dad."

