

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**5th Sunday in Lent; 10:00 am March 21, 2021**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be still and know that God is.

**People: God was, also, in the beginning.**

Leader: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be worshiped.**

Leader: Come, friends, and sit with him who cares for family and strangers alike.

**People: We gather with the one whose lavish love has been poured out for all.**

Leader: Let us bring to him our best, and offer our lives as a gift to him.

**All: May our hearts be open to the beauty of Christ's presence as we worship him in spirit and in truth.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (see insert)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

**\*Gloria Patri**

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Special Music

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-36

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

HYMN

"O Love That Will not Let Me Go" (see insert)

FAMILY TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

HYMN

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (see insert)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**Leading Worship:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor;  
Bob Helberg, liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Alex Lutz,  
Elder of the Month.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence  
will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together.  
Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service.  
Glory be to God!

### **Announcements**

Please turn in your **lily orders** today!

**Monday Morning Yoga** 10am

**Session Meeting** March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm

**Bible Study** Tuesdays at 10 am

**Lenten Bible Study** Wednesdays 1 pm Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am



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**HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun  
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of  
doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the  
light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven  
reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center  
of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing  
fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars  
began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in  
heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in  
the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the  
triumph song of life.

**HYMN “O Love That Will not Let Me Go”**

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I  
give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its  
flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch  
to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy  
sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart  
to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the  
promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from  
thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground  
there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

**HYMN “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”**

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted, You  
were condemned. I'm alive and well. Your spirit is within  
me, because you died and rose again.

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were condemned. I'm alive and well. Your spirit is within  
me. Because you died and rose again.

(Refrain) Amazing love, how can it be? That you, my king.  
would die for me. Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy  
to honor you. Amazing love, how can it be? That my king  
would die for me. Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy  
to honor you, in all I do. I honor you.

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted, you  
were condemned. I'm alive and well. Your spirit is within  
me. Because you died and rose again. (Refrain)

You are my king. You are my king. Jesus, You are my king.  
Jesus, You are my king.

(Refrain)