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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 3, 2024 10:00 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

LENTEN CANDLES

Bob Mellor and Roger Rochowiak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elliot Ryser

We are here with a vision of what can be as God calls us to worship.

We have journeyed this far, and we pause in gratitude.

Our endurance builds a spirit of understanding and, even in our weariness, joyful praise.

Hear our thanks as our hearts dance and voices sing.

++HYMN #5 [GTG] God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help; formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Elliot Ryser

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Christ who chased the money changers from the temple,
chase the greed from our lives and our hearts.**

**As you overturned the tables, O Lord,
overturn the systems in our world
that contribute to cycles of poverty and oppression.**

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we contribute to the world's brokenness.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

++Indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Listen, the time has come at last.
Look, now is the day of salvation!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness #626 [GTG] As the Deer

***As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Elliot Ryser

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

#414 [GTG] Be Still and Know That I Am God

Be still and know that I am God (four times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elliot Ryser

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 19:1-14

Elliot Ryser

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Light of the World” by Karen Marroli

w/ Lydia Bradford, violin

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.

Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.

Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.

Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.

Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love. Teach us how to follow!

We must be your hands, lent to heart and bless.

We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.

Christ, in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your call;

Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!

Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one. We will always follow!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you

show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++Hymn #166 [GTG]

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... who forever sing to the glory of your name

Sanctus (Sung in unison) #565[GTG] Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith **(unison)**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

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.

Pastor: Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Responsive Prayer after the Supper

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Choral Anthem "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
Ev'n the spirit of truth.*

++ Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #310 [GTG] I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular version of Watt's Psalms of David. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

Sergei Kvitko

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Elliot Ryser
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Bells of First Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities:	Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
	Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

HEARING ASSISTANCE (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

Monday, March 4

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax Assistance – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. Lansing Area Pastors – Library/ Parlor
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax Assistance – Litten Hall
4:00 p.m. Adult Forum Committee – Library/Zoom
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Group – Parlor
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club – Litten Hall
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee – Zoom

Thursday, March 7

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
5:00 p.m. NWI Cooking Demo – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, March 8

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, March 9

12:00 p.m.-4 Goodwill Mission meeting – Litten Hall

Sunday, March 10

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee – Library
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

CALL FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, March 10, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan, is called for Sunday, March 10, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting to hear the Session's reports on the life, work and financial status of the church, to receive the annual budget and review the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Women's Fellowship will meet at the home of Christine DeYonke today from 2 - 4 p.m. You do not need to be a member or an attendee of FPC to come to Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship, food, prayer and a discussion/study on a portion of Chapter 9 of "Celtic Ways to Pray." Come And See! Contact Megan Higl or Christine DeYonke for more information.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study will resume after Easter: Throughout the season of Lent, our Adult Bible Studies will focus our time, energies, and studies on the Bible material provided through our church-wide Bible Study, which will occur daily and culminate on each of the Sundays in Lent during our Adult Education in Litten Hall. For more information, see Adult Forum article below.

Easter Activities

March 24	Palm Sunday breakfast - 9 a.m. and Egg Hunt - 11:30 a.m.
March 28	Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Service, 10:00 a.m.

YOU HAVE TALENT and we want to know about it. When you have a performance, a game, or an exhibit, please tell your church family, so if we are available, we can come cheer you on and be wowed by your abilities. There is a Talent Calendar on the long table in the elevator lobby, so share the when and where and your name so we can come see you in action or talk to you afterwards about it. We also would love to have photos of any events you participate in. Please submit any photos to Prince Solace, psolace@lansingfirstpres.org

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration is open. We want to see you this summer! Before the hot weather arrives, sign up your child for our **Elementary Spring Shut-In** for ages 8-11. Join us for a single overnight of fun and games March 29-30!

Children's Faith Formation is after service at the same time as Adult Forum

ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).
(Childcare can be available through this time.)
Children's Faith Formation also happening.

MARCH 3

Week 2 of our Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study "INHERITING THE KINGDOM"

Led by Ann Harvey

Ways to access Bible Studies materials:

Online:

[AF Bible Study Material 2024 | Lansing First Presby](#)



OR pick up print materials at church.

How To Participate in the Bible Study

- 1) Starting February 19, Monday thru Saturday read the Daily Passage listed in the table.
- 2) On each Thursday ([Feb 22](#), [29](#), March 7 and [March 14](#)) read Sunday's passage and answer the three reflection questions. These reflections will be sent, as a confidential response, to the Leader for Sunday as prep.
- 3) Come to Sunday's Adult Forum for fellowship and discussion on the passage.