

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

March 29, 2020
10:30am
5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

"On Eagles Wings"

Joncas/Hamm

Call to Worship (*Psalm 130*)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord hear our voices!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to our cry.

People: If you judge us, Lord who could stand?

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you. Come let us wait for the Lord!

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control.
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation,
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation,
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Redeemer of Israel, we live in the land of fear and anxiety. We bind ourselves to prisons of our own making and complain that we do not know how to escape. Forgive us our weakness, forgive us our ignorance, forgive us our sin. Open our eyes to see your truth. Loosen our bonds and lead us to new life as your disciples, growing and sharing in your salvation...*(silent confession)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Rachel Boden

Prayer for Illumination

God of all, speak to us once again your message of life and death and life. Breathe your Spirit through ancient words so that we might come to trust and be changed within your hope. We ask this in the name of Jesus our teacher. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them

about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Resurrection Unwrapped

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn: O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt Uns, Herr

O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Affirmation of Faith

The 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.

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

Doxology *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.*

Hymn: God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Winchester Old

God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid;

Though hills amid the seas be cast,
though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake
the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows;
that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake
before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it,
the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help,
when trouble is at hand.

Prayers of the People

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Erhalt uns Herr"

Robert Powell

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Announcements

Communion Sunday Preparation: Next Sunday, April 5, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The PC(USA) General Assembly has given new guidance allowing congregations, with the approval of session, *to celebrate communion at home within an electronic worship service during an emergency such as this pandemic*. The session of Fairmont has authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper within our live-streamed worship services on April 5th (Palm Sunday) and April 9th (Maundy Thursday). You are invited to share in the celebration of communion at home on April 5th and April 9th by obtaining some bread (bread, roll, cracker, etc...) and/or some liquid grape juice (fermented wine or unfermented juice) and have those present for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday worship. You are not required to do both the cup and the bread in order to celebrate this sacrament. One element is enough for it to be communion. We will then share in the prayers of thanksgiving and partake of the elements together.

Theology on Tap: Join us for Theology on Tap every Friday at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Just because we do not have a bar does not mean we cannot still get together and share. Bring your favorite beverage and join us for our virtual "Theology on Tap" via Zoom. **Our next Theology on Tap is this Friday, April 3rd.** Watch for the Zoom link in this week's Constant Contact email.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: Join us every Thursday night for Bible Study at 8:30 p.m. The later hour allows parents to participate after getting their children to bed. Each week we will be examining the Bible text for the following Sunday. This Thursday we will be exploring Matthew 26:14-27. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Constant Contact email for the Zoom link.

Kids Korner Online: Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Fairmont's online children's time provides important opportunities for children Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us on Tuesdays for *Music with Lorelei*, Wednesdays with rotating activities (*Godly Play* and *Blessing Circle* with Pastor Kelley, *Reading with Rachel* and *Story Yoga* with Rachel), Thursdays for *Bible Story* and *Kids Devotion*, and Fridays for *Sunday School*. Watch for Zoom links in this week's Constant Contact and Kids Korner emails.

Children's Breakfast and Books: In lieu of our Easter egg hunt, all children are invited to join Rachel for a morning in your jammies reading Easter books and enjoying breakfast. BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast) and join Rachel on Zoom from 8:30-9am on **Saturday, April 4** to enjoy a meal while Rachel shares her favorite Easter books. Watch for Zoom links in this week's Constant Contact and Kidz Korner emails.

PYC & Confirmation: On Wednesday nights (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) our PYC youth group continues to gather and support each other on Zoom, sharing dinner, faith conversations, and games. On Sunday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. the Confirmation class continues to explore their faith as they learn what it means to be a Christian in the PC(USA) tradition. Watch for Zoom links in this week's Constant Contact and PYC Newsletter emails.

Lenten School (March 29 -April 8): A Celebration of Discipline: How do you get closer to God? How do you pray? These are some of the fundamental "how" questions on the method and means of living life as a Christian. We will be examining these questions together in Lent using Richard Foster's classic book, *A Celebration of Discipline* as our guide as we learn from centuries of Christians' experiences of how to live closer to God and each other. We will be meeting throughout Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 online via Zoom. Watch for Fairmont's weekly Constant Contact email for the Zoom link.

Deacon's Scholarship: The Board of Deacons offers an annual scholarship to Fairmont Presbyterian graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated active involvement in leadership and worship during their high school years, as well as to Fairmont members pursuing seminary education. This scholarship is a one-time gift intended to celebrate and support the student in education for costs of tuition, books, and room and board. This is not a competitive award; all applicants who meet the criteria may receive an award. The amount of the award may vary and is dependent upon available funds. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2020. Contact Kelly Coan at kelly.coan@syf.com for application criteria and details!

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