



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
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March 6, 2022**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

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

March 6, 2022
10:30am
1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

The Glory of these Forty Days

Johann Walther

Call to Worship (Psalm 91)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

People: For the LORD will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence he will cover you with pinions, and under God's wings you will find refuge.

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, and no scourge shall come near your tent.

People: For the LORD will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant that we like them be true,

consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

God Almighty, your ways are not like our ways and your thoughts are not like our thoughts. We content ourselves with lesser things and lower ourselves to petty desires. We cannot find our way back to you. Forgive us our ignorance and our lack of courage. Forgive us our sin. Reach down to us and lift us up to behold your truth and live a new life according to your intentions. Lead us upward to your Kingdom that we may share in its life...*(silent confession)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response #576

Lord, Have Mercy

Singapura

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Our Children

Loralei Harding

Anthem

Be Still, My Child

Lee Dengler

There is a voice, a still, small voice that calls to you from wind and fire, that speaks a mid the noise of life, and says, "Be still, my child, and know I am God. I am God." Though nations rage, though mountains fall, this tender voice can still be heard. It sounds above the hate and fear, and says, "Be still." Be still, my child, and know I am God. Be still, my child, and trust in me. Be still and know my love for you. Be still, my child, I am your God. God is our strength from day to day. God is our help amid despair. It is God's voice, this still small voice that says, "Be still, my child, and know that I am God. Be still. Be still, my child."

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Blessed are you Eternal One our God, sovereign of the world.

People: **In ancient days you spoke and created your people.**

Leader: Today let your Word and words come alive in us.

People: **So that we can live into your story with meaning, purpose, and hope.**

Leader: We ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to

the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely Yahweh is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Closer Than You Imagine

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.

3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.*

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*unison responses in bold*)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

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

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you O God that through Word and Sacrament you have shared with us life and belonging in your Covenant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Strengthen us by these your gifts so at that we may courageously live into the fullness of our identity as your children. Amen.

Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Don Hustad

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Announcements

Lenten School, shared with our friends from Hilliard United Methodist Church Evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, starting Tuesday March 8th.

Tuesday Nights: Soul Stories-Reading imaginatively with artists and children (Lead by Hilliard.)

Wednesday Nights: *Lectio Divina*-Reading contemplatively with mystics (Lead by Hilliard and Fairmont.)

Thursday Nights: *Beth Midrash* (house of study)-Reading critically with scholars (Lead by Fairmont.)

Texts for each week of Lenten School:

Week One (March 8-10)	Genesis 37	Joseph and the loss of the son
Week Two (March 15-17)	Genesis 45	Reconciliation
Week Three (March 22-24)	Exodus 1	Alternatives to Bondage
Week Four (March 29-31)	Exodus 3	The Burning Bush
Week Five (April 5-7)	Exodus 4-5	Let My People Go

Just a reminder that next Sunday, March 13th Daylight Savings Time Begins.

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165 The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.