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5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

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Meditation

*"If there is no silence beyond and within the many words of doctrine,
there is no religion, only a religious ideology." ~ Thomas Merton*

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:33-34, 58-29, 105, 156

Pastor Eric Garner

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

I implore your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your justice.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

GTG 366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

And the fact that I think I am following your will

Does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

Though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

And you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. May we find peace in the guidance of the Spirit, leading us into the grace of God.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, GTG 581. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system includes the lyrics: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -". The second system includes the lyrics: "gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Eric Garner

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, GTG 288. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system includes the lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The second system includes the lyrics: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 4:1-7

1 When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, **2** "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, **3** and command them, "Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight." **4** Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. **5** Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of

the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, **6** so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ **7** then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:1-5

Pastor Eric Garner

1 Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and **5** like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Following Cairns

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GTG 475

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Eric Garner

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Pastor Eric Garner

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be low; praise
 God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

- Sunday, April 6: 10:20 a.m.
Kidz Club
 FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, April 6: 11:30 a.m.
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School
 FPC Library
- Tuesday, April 8: 6:00 p.m.
 All Committees Meeting
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