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**1st Sunday in Lent**

**March 9, 2025**

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Meditation

*“The ego divides and separates. The Spirit unites and includes.” ~ Richard Rohr*

**PRELUDE**

Ben Marti

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 46:1-2, 8-11

Pastor Eric Garner

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who makes wars cease to the end of the earth. Thus God tells us:

**“Be still and know that I am God!” For God is exalted among the nations.**

The Lord of hosts is with us as our refuge.

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

**HYMN**

*When Peace Like a River*

GTG 840

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Eric Garner

**God of love,**

**The world is transformed by your passion.**

**You welcome outcast and stranger into your loving embrace.**

**Despite the fact that your love opens to all,**

**We tend to close ourselves off.**

**We do not love our neighbor as ourselves;**

**We do not love our enemies**

**Or pray for those who persecute us.**

**May we be transformed by your passion.**

**May we be opened to others through your loving embrace.**

**Transform us to become more like you,**

**The God who is love.**

**In the unity of the Spirit we pray:**

**Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor Eric Garner

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score includes treble and bass clefs, a common time signature, and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Danielle Mansfield

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, GTG 288. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first two lines of the prayer, and the second system covers the last two lines. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score includes treble and bass clefs, a common time signature, and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Colossians 3:12-17

Suellen Lloyd

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **13** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**15** Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” **16** So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, **17** ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. **18** Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” **19** But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? **20** Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. **21** So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

SERMON

*End of Enmity*

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

*There Is Now a New Creation*

GTG 774

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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be low; praise". The second system continues the melody with lyrics: "God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment consists of block chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the second system.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



*Thank you, Karen Anderson, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers in honor of your parents, Clarence and Lena Campbell!*

*If you are interested in sponsoring the Sunday worship flowers, please sign up on the FPC website, or call the church office and we'd be glad to help get you signed up!*

## CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 9:                    10:20 a.m.  
Kidz Club  
FPC Kids Room
- Tuesday, March 11:                6:00 p.m.  
All Committees Meeting  
FPC
- Wednesday, March 12:            6:00 p.m.  
Love Thy Neighbor Book Club ~ *"Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-first Century"* edited by Alice Wong  
FPC Narthex
- Wednesday, March 12:            6:00 p.m.  
Spiritual Formation Workshop  
FPC Sanctuary

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