

First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/) The livestream will begin at 9:45am, and worship will begin at 10:00am.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/> We will do our best to have this available at 10am, but at the latest it will be posted by noon on Sunday

~ WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND CONFESSION ~

OPENING

Christine Smith

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 37

Leader: Behold a miracle.

People: A valley full of dry bones is transformed into a people of love and life.

Leader: Behold a miracle.

People: The graves are opened. Death has lost its sting.

Leader: Come and worship the one who never forsakes us!

People: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Olivet

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in your promised healing. We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

*SILENCE

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:6-12

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When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Tim Chipman

GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-38

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Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

"Walking with Jesus: The King of the Jews"

Rev. Jonathan Warren



***THE APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE ~

***HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Please continue your financial contributions by mailing in your offering

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, that we might set our minds on life and peace, rather than dwelling on earthly things. Receive this offering, that it may go forth to continue the work of Christ, who brings fullness of life. May our gifts be a source of light in a world that has learned to love the darkness. Amen.

~ THE SENDING ~

*HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. (Refrain)

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me. (Refrain)

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul. who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY

MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later in the week. Click the links or go to our website to listen www.firstpresjax.org)
- If you are still unable to worship with us with any of these options, please call the office at (217-245-4189) and we will send you a printed bulletin with sermon and/or CD.

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Megan Clemmons, great-niece of Mable Simmons; **Devin Fick**, relative of the Otts; **Heather Cole**, sister of Helen Cole Kuhn; **Lila Feary**, aunt of Alexa Crumley; **Larry Ladd**; **Michael Woods**, a colleague at Illinois College; **Nancy Bradbury**; **Rachel Flynn**, neighbor of the Ladd's; **Tim Olson**; **Darrel Hittner**, father of Lisa Wade; **Kevin Brodie**, friend of many at ISD; **Peggy Post**, **Marsha Nelson's mother**; **Richard Mansell**; **Shirley Husa**; **Shelly Cochran**, friend of the Tiffanys; **Lee Spencer**, Clayton's father; **Patsy**, friend of Barb Bucy; **LaNise Kirk**; **Bertha Bucy**, Mike's mother; **Sue Linde**; **Earl Innes**, father of Joy Tiffany; **Linda Noble**, Barb Bucy's sister; **Lori Oldenettel**; **Judy Vieira**; **Wilma Walker**; **Ted and Linda Birdsell**; **Sam and Sue Scheets**; **Mona Cody**; **Karen Ladd**; **Ron**, a friend of Stu and Marci Wemhoener; **the community of Cookeville Tennessee**, the hometown of Stefanie Byrd - Financial Assistant; **Mari and Cornell Kane**; **Ashley Wade**; **Nathan Price**, great-grandson to Evelyn Mason; **Ron York**, Adam's father; **Billy Hollendonner**; **Jennifer Bible**; **Talisa Slade**, daughter of Wanda Cody, our custodian Paul's wife; **Bob Sibert**; **Jeff and Addie Coultas and family** at the death of his brother Andy.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

COMMUNICATION AND GRACE – Our Elders and Deacons are calling our church family to check-in with you (and your family) and to pray for you. If you have not received a call, please inform the church office office@firstpresjax.org or (217) 245-4189. Please be sure to call and check-in with one another, in and beyond our church family. There may be times we don't send information needed, please be patient and offer grace. Please let us know if you have any thoughts or if you need something. This is a difficult and uncertain time, so if you need to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to call your Jonathan Warren (217) 418-3206 or John Nelson (217) 248-0634.

INTERESTED IN WRITING PRAYERS? Last Sunday for worship, Elder Janet Chipman wrote a prayer for worship. We know there are others in our congregation who would like to help with writing prayers for our services, and if not for our service, possibly for a daily prayer shared on Facebook. If you have interest, please contact our office office@firstpresjax.org or Worship and Music Elders Janet Chipman and Barb Harris.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES - We will live stream our Wednesday Night Services for your convenience. **This Wednesday, April 1 the service will begin at 6:30 pm.** Look for the livestream video and we will try to start the live feed at least 5 minutes before. Here is the link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/> If you do not have Facebook, and would like to watch it the following day, go to this link on our website www.firstpresjax.org/live (Please share grace and patience as we are learning new technology).

CHURCH GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). We are exploring ways to do this through phone, video conference and through a Church Facebook private group. More information to come!