



Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church (USA)

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March 29, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

During the current health crisis, we are choosing to gather as the Body of Christ in a different way. Through the blessing of technology, we are linked not only via live-stream video, but by an awareness that many people are coming together in heart and spirit to experience the presence of God.

PRELUDE

Fugue F Minor

Charles Burney

WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray.

Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name...

(Silent prayers of confession may be offered)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

PASSING of the PEACE (responsive)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

All are encouraged to pass the peace of Christ to each other during this time.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Ann Caldwell

Charles H. Gabriel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Psalm 130

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

"NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH: LOVING THE CHURCH"

Rev. Bart W. Edwards

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Wilbur Held

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION

TODAY AT MPPC

WORSHIP LEADERS: *Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum*, Pastor; *Rev. Bart Edwards*, Associate Pastor; *Rev. Kim Trimboli*, Interim Associate Pastor; *Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons*, Parish Associate; *Barbara Loehr-Fox*, Director of Music Ministries; *Jason Pedeaux*, Organist, Associate Director of Music Ministries

PRAYER REQUESTS-Contact *Betty Jenkins* (843-375-0748) or *Helen Slack* (843-569-2753).

STEPHEN MINISTRY-If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers offer confidential care to those dealing with a crisis: they listen, encourage, support, and pray with and for you in weekly meetings as long as needed. For a private referral or to become a Stephen Minister, contact *Donna Thigpen* (843-345-6221).

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LIFE AT MPPC

Check your Enews for links or mppc.net for more details

•**HOPE HOUSE ADOPT-A-DAY** (March-April) **In Honor of:** 3/30—Mike & Claire Walsh for their support of Hope House, given by the Hope House Ministry Team; 4/8—Jim Gilbert for his faithful leadership of the Academy of St. John Church School Class; given by Susanne and Dick Query; 4/12—my children, Barbara, Harry, and David, given by Carrie Thompson . **In Memory of:** 4/1-30—Bob McCormick, a loyal caretaker at Hope House, given by Paul and Elizabeth Grantham, Katherine P. Harvey, Sara Stewart and the Hope House Ministry Team; 4/7—our son and brother, Ricky Cox, given by Pat and Richard Cox and Leila Cox.

•**FINANCE YTD** as of 3/22/2020 —Revenues: \$2,019,392, Expenses: \$2,010,575.

