

THE GATHERING

GREETING

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us welcome one another with the peace of Christ.

VOLUNTARY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 30

Leader: Let us worship God who has restored us to life.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks for God's holy name.

Leader: God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

People: You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

Leader: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

People: Let us worship God who has restored us to life.

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN 78

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. We keep shameful deeds hidden, but long for our good deeds to be known. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love. Amen.

(Silent prayers and confession)

*** KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria from "Twelfth Mass"

W. A. Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus, benedicimus, adoramus, glorificamus,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

Lord, Glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord; all the angels stand, round about Thy throne. Let all nations bow before Thee, and declare Thy wonderous works. We praise Thee, we give thanks to Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee. Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory. Heaven is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool. Thou art King over all the world. Glorious is Thy name. Blessing and honor be to God forever and evermore.

THE WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN: SPIRIT BOX

Following this time, children *ages 5 years - 2nd grade* may return to their seats or join our Wonders of Worship team in the Chapel. Children will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary near the end of the service in time for the offering.

Children 2-4 years old will join caregivers in Room 212 and may be picked up after the service.

*Our Nursery, located on the first floor, is available for our youngest children and infants during the entire worship service.

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

By K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Who Has Believed Our Report?

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a tender plant, as a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look on him, nor beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom we turn our faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

Surely, surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we considered him stricken, smitten and afflicted by God. But he was pierced for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastening which brought our peace fell to him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, turning everyone to his own way; but the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:7-9

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

CHORAL RESPONSE

He Was Oppressed and Afflicted

John Holman, tenor

Glen Winters, bass

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away. And who of his generation considered him cut off out of the land of the living for the transgressions of my people? To them the stroke was due. And he was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in his mouth.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53: 10-12

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Yet It Was the LORD'S Will to Bruise Him

Jeanette Corey, soprano

Bonnie Lambert-Baxter,
mezzo soprano

Yet it was the LORD'S will to bruise him and to put him to grief. When he has made his soul an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Because of his anguish, he will be satisfied; through knowledge of him, my righteous servant will justify many, for he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he will divide the spoil with the strong because he has poured out his sole to death, and was numbered with transgressors. He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offering

Offertory

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime, in mercy. Be true in all endeavor or and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen

* **Doxology**

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

* **Prayer Of Dedication**

THE SENDING

* **HYMN 84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Ground

Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.
Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, grant us peace.

* **VOLUNTARY**

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

J. S. Bach

The Orchestra

Cindy Bryan, violin
Concertmaster
Christopher Taylor, violin
Shirley Smith, viola
Dionne Smith, cello
Antoinette Anglin, organ

***THE FLOWERS** in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Bill McKinnon by the McKinnon family.*



First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Fourth Sunday in Lent Special Music Sunday

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. All are welcome, and we are so pleased to have you with us this morning as we gather to praise God.

GUESTS

We extend a special welcome to you! Whether this is your first visit with us or your 100th visit, it is a gift to have you among us. Please take a moment to sign in using the Welcome Pads in the pews and leave contact information for Pastor Dee Dee to reach out to you. We are excited you are here and look forward to welcoming you into the life of the church through our ministries. You can find more information on our church website: www.firstpresvb.org.

If you ever struggle to hear while in our Sanctuary, we have a few options that might help you. First, you can see one of our ushers for a hearing device that fits over your ear and might assist you. Second, our Sanctuary has a hearing loop installed on the main floor. If you use hearing aids that are equipped with a T-coil, you are able to connect your hearing aids directly into our sound system. Please see an usher for instructions on how to connect your hearing aids into our system.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Items in bold indicate congregational participation. * invites you to stand in body or in spirit. Please silence all mobile devices prior to the start of the service.

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