

# The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Service for the Lord's Day*

March 27th, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

*The Session and members of First Church extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.*

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Master Tallis’s Testament”

Herbert Howells

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6; 8

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

With what shall we come before the Holy One,  
**and bow ourselves before God on high?**

God has shown us what is good.

What does the Holy One require of us,

**but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

KYRIE

Avon Gillespie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.**

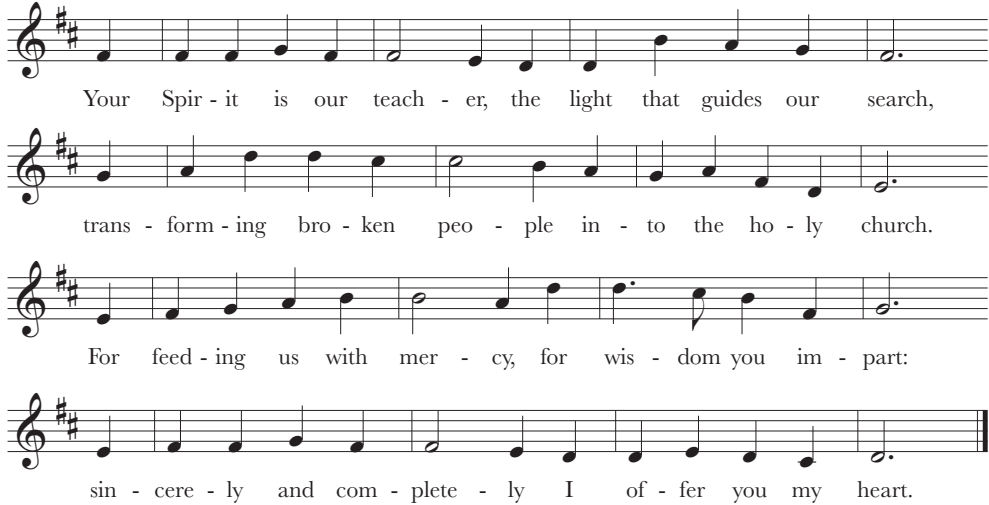
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
 what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us  
 a consuming fire of judgment.  
 Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
 open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
 and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
 through Jesus Christ, light of the world, Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE

AURELIA



Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:  
 sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S 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.**

Отче наш, що єси на небесах,  
 Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє.  
 Хай прийде Царство Твоє,  
 нехай буде воля Твоя  
 Як на небі,  
 так і на землі  
 Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні.  
 І прости нам провини наші,  
 як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим.  
 І не введи нас у спокусу,  
 але визволи нас від лукавого.  
 Бо Твоє є Царство,  
 і сила, і славанавіки. Амінь.

## ANTHEM

Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was  
 in the beginning with God. All things were made that have been made. Nothing was made, He has  
 not made.

—John 1:1-3

## HEARING THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:15-21

*pew Bible, Old Testament page 823/large print, Old Testament page 672*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**This is the good news which we have received,  
 in which we stand,  
 and by which we are saved,  
 if we hold it fast:  
 that Christ died for our sins  
 according to the scriptures,  
 that he was buried,  
 that he was raised on the third day,  
 and that he appeared  
 first to the women,  
 then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
 and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
 the Son of the living God.  
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
 the beginning and the end;  
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY

arr. Leo Nestor

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy grace I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me while a sinner, wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interspersed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face; clothed then in blood washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace; Come, my Lord, do no tarry, take my ransomed soul away! Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

—Robert Robinson, alt. *A Collection of Hymns used by the Church of Christ in Angel Alley*

#### DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*



*Traditional* Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures  
*Inclusive* Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple



here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.  
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Maestoso in C-sharp minor”

Louis Vierne

arr. Alexander Schreiner

*The congregation is invited to continue worshipping through the Postlude,  
which is offered in thanksgiving to God.*

The cross which leads the procession today is dedicated  
"In memory of all those who died from AIDS in our church and community."  
Our cross-bearer today is Suzanne Mecs.

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate of Mission and Social Justice*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

Ава Росцішевська, *Reader*

Наталка Росцішевська, *Reader*

Іван Росцішевський, *Reader*

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

## Welcome to First Church!

We are so glad you are here.

Scan to give your tithes or offering:



Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the South Lawn  
after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to  
new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

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