

The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Service for the Lord's Day

March 20th, 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

“Andante sostenuto” from *Symphonie gothique*

Charles-Marie Widor

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Psalm 63:1-4

God! My God! It's you—
I search for you!

My whole being thirsts for you!

**My body desires you
in a dry and tired land,
no water anywhere.**

Yes, I've seen you in the sanctuary;
I've seen your power and glory.

**My lips praise you
because your faithful love
is better than life itself!
So I will bless you as long as I'm alive;
I will lift up my hands in your name.**

HYMN 429

“As a Chalice Cast of Gold”

INWARD LIGHT

CALL TO CONFESSON

KYRIE

Avon Gillespie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear our prayers.

We don't always want to change.

We strive so hard for constancy, we forget that you create us for growth.

We long so much for what comforts us, we forget to comfort others.

We crave your compassion, but we forget to extend it to others and ourselves.

We want things to be better for our community and our world,
but we wish you would swoop in and do the work.

We forget that you call us to create community with you.

Create in us, merciful God, a heart for change...

SILENT CONFESSON

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.**

ANTHEM

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb who is the Great "I Am," I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and thro' eternity I'll sing on.

—from *General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use*

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

pew Bible, New Testament page 76/large print, New Testament page 92

SERMON

"Jesus: A Heart for Change"

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

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

Tom Trenney

Clear our heart, O God, that we may see you. Clear our heart, O God, that we may truly see ourselves. Clear our heart, O God, that we may know the sacredness of this moment and in every moment seek you serve you strengthen you as the Living Presence in every presence. Clear our heart, O God, that we may see.

—John Philip Newell

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Traditional Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
Inclusive Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
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 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

Please stand in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on ‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee’”

Seth Bingham

*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 IB Ekure.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

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

The First Church Choir
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

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