

# The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

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## LENTEN MIDWEEK MUSIC MEDITATION AND WORSHIP

March 8th, 2023

### MUSIC MEDITATION (11:45 A.M.)

Michael Shake, *organ*

Variations on NETTLETON (1976)  
Solitude (2020)  
Adoration (1951)  
Prélude, from *Trois Improvisations* (1911)

Undine Smith Moore (1905-1989)  
Nahre Sol (b. 1991)  
Florence B. Price (1887-1953)  
Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

Michael Shake was called as the sixth director of music for the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York in June 2019. At First Church, he shepherds the musical life of the community as a keyboardist, conductor, and team member, crafting weekly worship and cultivating broader worship and music opportunities for the Church. Michael previously served King of Glory Lutheran Church and Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas; and, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, hailed by USA TODAY as one of the “ten great places to be enthralled by heavenly music.” He has been a solo and collaborative artist, and clinician for regional and national events, including the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, the American Choral Directors Association, the American Guild of Organists, and the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival. He is a former dean of the Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Michael holds degrees in organ and sacred music from Emory University, and Erskine College, where he was the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

### WORSHIP (12:00 P.M.)

#### OPENING SENTENCES

#### HYMN 215

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

“What Wondrous Love is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

#### LESSON

Romans 12:9-18  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 162/large print, New Testament page 197*

#### MEDITATION

“My Song Is: Wondrous Love”

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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,**

**the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# HYMN

## “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

PASSION CHORALE

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2. Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3. Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wai - ting not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

# BLESSING

## POSTLUDE “Wondrous Love: *And when from death, I’m free, I’ll sing on...*” Robert Lau

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

### LEADING TODAY

Rev. Emily Brewer, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

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