

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
March 13, 2022 – The Second Sunday in Lent  
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE LENTEN CANDLES

On Sunday morning, for a brief space of time, we leave behind the world of home and work and school—the world where we have our lists of things to do, activities to participate in, tasks to complete. We come here this morning seeking something else. We come here seeking a shift—from the ordinary to the sacred, from doing to being. I invite you to close your eyes. Let go of your list. Recall that it is the season of Lent. Remember the parable of the sower. The sower throws the seed . . . and where it lands determines if it will grow or not grow. Think of it this way: think of the season of Lent as the sower, the time when seeds of faith are thrown with special intensity, as a time a time when God calls to us in a low, urgent voice. Listen. Jesus is being drawn to Jerusalem. Where is God calling you to? What is God calling you to do?

*(Silent time.)*

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

*(A candle is extinguished.)*

Let us pray:

***Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.***

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is my Light, my Hope, my All.

(based on Psalm 27)

In whom shall I fear?

***God is the stronghold of my life.***

***Of whom shall I be afraid?***

One thing I asked of God:

Let me live in the shelter of You,

***In the beauty of Your realm,***

***In the wonder of Your house.***

We seek Your face, God! Do not turn aside! Teach us Your way. Show us Your path through all that life brings.

***We shall see the blessing of God.***

***Come, Holy Spirit!***

HYMN # 76

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me.*

*Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.*

*O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*

*Christ came from Heaven's throne, salvation to bestow.*

*But people scorned and none the longed-for Christ would know.*

*But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend?*

*Sometimes they strew His way. And His sweet praises sing,*

*resounding all the way, Hosannas to their King.*

*Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.*

*They rise, and needs will have. My dear Lord made a way.*

*A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.*

*Yet steadfast, He to suffering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.*

*Here might I say and sing. No story so divine: never was love,*

*Dear King, never was grief like Thine.*

*This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of All People, we confess that we would like to claim Your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority who seem not to have our best intentions at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive Your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on?***

***Help us to center our lives in Your love more than on our own desires. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.***

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### DEDICATION OF SOUP OFFERINGS

***Gracious God, help us to remember that there are people in our community and around the world who do not have enough to eat. Thank You for showing us that when we come together as a community in Christ, we can truly make a difference in the lives of others. We ask your blessings on these cans of soup, on those who donated them, and especially on those whose hunger will be relieved by them. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Today's Pastoral Prayer will take the form of a litany: "A Litany for Ukraine.")*

***Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine,***

As they seek refuge from the terrible effects of war.

***May they find shelter in God's arm,***

As they try to calm their fears.

***May they find comfort in God's arm,***

As they worry about where to find food and shelter.

***May they find comfort in God's arm,***

As they witness the death that war brings.

***May they find solace in God's arm,***

As they leave their homes behind to find safety.

***May they find strength in God's arm.***

Deliver us from the madness of believing that good can come from violence.

***God hear our prayer.***

Give us the courage to resist the myths of violence.

***God hear our prayer.***

Forgive us our pride as a super military power.

***God hear our prayer.***

Give us the compassion that gives birth to generosity and hospitality.

***God hear our prayer.***

Let us show love and mercy for those fleeing war.

***God hear our prayer.***

Mold us as a people of peace.

***May God hear our prayers and the cries of the Ukrainian people.***

All this we pray in the words Jesus taught, saying: ***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.***

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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#### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, we thank You for Your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from You. Help us to serve one another and so reflect Your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under Your guidance. Amen.***

#### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1  
Luke 13:31 - 35

#### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

#### SERMON

“The Outstretched Hand of Christ”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

#### HYMN # 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

REFRAIN: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN:*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. REFRAIN*

## BENEDICTION

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again.  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

### **Soup Drive**

Thank you for the cans of soup you have been donating. Know that you are changing lives.

### **Session to Meet This Tuesday, March 15**

Elders, please mark your calendars. We will meet via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. via zoom on Tuesday, March 15. Please have your written reports sent to Pastor Ann in a word document by the end of the day *today*. [pastorannsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorannsutton@yahoo.com)  
Thank you.

### **Wednesday Lenten Service**

This Wednesday's Lenten Service will be held at 7:30 via Zoom. The Meeting ID is: **860 0097 9439** The Passcode is: **825643**

### **Offering for Ukraine**

Next week, we will have a special offering, which will go to *Samaritan's Purse* for relief to Ukraine. Checks should be made out to our church with *Samaritan's Purse* written on the memo line.

Furthermore, the Presbyterian Church USA has announced that much of the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, which is received on Palm Sunday, will go to Ukraine relief as well. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Women's Choir**

Women's Choir rehearsals began today. There is still time to join. You don't have to sound like Beverly Sills, the only requirement is that you be able to match pitch. We rehearse in the Parlor on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and will be singing on Easter Sunday.

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Larry Foray  
Susan Perrotta

# Easter Flowers Order Form

1. First, please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table, and make sure the flowers are still available. We have reserved 20 Easter Lilies, 8 Daffodils, 8 Tulips, and 8 Hyacinths.
2. Next, fill this sheet out. Please print clearly.
3. Finally, please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield.

I would like to order the following:

Number of plants

Name of Plants



\_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies

\_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils



\_\_\_\_\_

Tulips

\_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths

Total number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 per plant = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_