THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship March 14, 2021 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
Surely, God is in this place, and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
God's love is for you and for all people everywhere. That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.
The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN # 379My Hope Is Built on Nothing LessSOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. REFRAN

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. REFRAIN

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. REFRAIN

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Who So Loves the World, You sent us Your only Son, so that we might believe and have eternal life. We have often failed to understand that eternity begins now, that the life You offer is here, and transcends death. We don't always appreciate that how we live matters, and that we sometimes participate in the sins of this world without recognizing it. We have often sinned in our desires, in our shrugging shoulders, and in our longing just to focus on ourselves. Forgive us, and bring us from our sinful, selfish ways. Call us back to You, so that we might remember that You came not to condemn, but to save us. Help us to turn our hearts, and to be restored to You. In the name of Christ 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Holy One, Your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in You and our intention to live surrounded by Your mercy, inspired by Your Spirit, open to the joy of Your presence, hospitable to one another, and
generous toward Your world. Amen.THE READING OF SCRIPTUREEphesians 2:1-1010

John 3:14-21

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON"God So Loved the World"Rev. Dr. Van CleefHYMN # 356Come, Thou Fount of Every BlessingNETTLETON

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 God's unchanging love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, 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.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our Creator, we are family.* Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's a Great Day to Be Irish!

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. We'll start celebrating right after church with a sing-along of Irish songs. If you have pre-ordered a shepherd's pie, you may pick it up after church. Finally, Elder Debbie Eitel has prepared some delicious Irish soda bread, muffin-style, for you to enjoy.

Erin Go Bragh!

Easter Flowers

Because many floral wholesalers and retailers lost a lot of money last year, due to Easter Services being canceled, they aren't growing many flowers this year. Pastor Ann managed to find two wholesalers who will sell us flowers, but they

had to be ordered in advance. We were able to reserve the following:

20 Easter Lilies 8 Tulips 8 Hyacinths 8 Daffodils

Your cost is \$12 per plant (which is the same that we paid for the Christmas poinsettias). Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the hall, then take an order form, fill it out, and give the form and your check to Betty Chatfield. Thank you!

Thank You, Larry and Larry!

Many thanks to Larry Reinhardt and Larry Foray, who have been busy painting the front hallway this past week. Take a look before you leave the building, and please thank them when you see them.

If you are interested in working on our building or its gardens, please see Larry Foray. Many hands make light work!

Wednesday Lenten Services

Sadly, because of the pandemic, we are not able to have our Wednesday Soup Suppers this year. Instead, our Wednesday Lenten Services will be Zoomed each week at 7:30 p.m. A reminder will be sent out each week.

The Meeting ID is: 986 8617 9862. The Passcode is: 975734

If you have not already done so, you may pick up the Order of Worship packet (which includes all of the Wednesday night services plus the Maundy Thursday service) after church.

Masks by Leonora - Half Price and BOGO Sale!

Leonora is making room for her spring line, and is having a big sale on selected masks: Half price *and* buy one get one. In other words, 4 for \$10. Newer masks are either full price (\$10) or BOGO (Buy one, get one free). It doesn't get any better than this! Stock up on masks today. Remember, masks are a gift of love! All proceeds benefit our Room Improvement Fund.

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