10:00 am Worship Service  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020

Prelude  
Toccata on “Aberystwyth”  
Brenda Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Choral Introit  
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

“Call to Worship

Psalm 122 begins, I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Today we gather in living rooms and kitchens, in bedrooms and basements. Though we may be alone, or only with our families, today we are connected by the Holy Spirit in this time of worship.

Psalm 122 ends, “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.” For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Come let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn  
(No. 221)  
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
PASsion Chorale

1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

A.C.T.S. Prayer

A.C.T.S. stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication

During this time of prayer I will open each of the four sections and then pause so that you might add your own prayers.

For adoration we will lift words of praise for God

For Confession we will lift words of sorrow and forgiveness

For Thanksgiving we will lift words of gratitude

For Supplication we will lift the needs of others and the world.

We will conclude with the Lord’s Prayer, you are invited to pray with us.

Choral Response  
Come Away to the Skies  
arr. Alice Parker

Come away to the skies, my beloved arise, and rejoice in the day thou wast born.

On this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

*Passing of the Peace

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Time

Sermon  
Rock of Ages  “Cast the First Stone”  
John 8:2-11  
The Rev. Dr. Daren Hofmann

Anthem – Chancel Choir  
Jesu, Lover of My Soul  
arr. Henry Coleman

Response to the Word

Time of Gratitude

*Doxology

(No. 606)  
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

Choral Response  
Danish Amen

Postlude  
Toccata on “Leoni”  
Gordon Young

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Music Notes

Toccatas: Organ Music for Lent 2020

Our organist Peter Douglas will present a series of toccatas for organ during Sunday mornings in the 2020 Lenten season. The word toccata comes from the Italian “toccare,” meaning “to touch.” Originally, these works were used by organists to get used to their instruments at the opening of services, to introduce the mode of the first musical work of the liturgy, and to exercise their dexterity. Not all toccatas are the flashy, rapidly moving pieces we know today, like Widor’s Toccata from his Organ Symphony No. 5. Many of the toccatas in the early Baroque feature imitation like that of a fugue. Peter will play selections by composers from the Renaissance through the modern day.

The toccatas presented as the prelude and postlude are settings by modern-day composers of familiar hymn tunes, the first of which is also used in this morning's anthem. This is a sub-genre of the toccata in which figuration surrounds the melodies of the hymn-tune. Brenda Portman (b. 1980) is Resident Organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati. Portman has received numerous awards in organ competitions including Finalist and Audience Prize winner in the Sursa American Organ Competition held at Ball State University in 2016. Gordon Young (1919-1998) was a prolific American organist and composer having published over 800 works.
Sunday, March 15
We had our First Facebook Live Service with over 200 views within an hour.

Monday, March 16
FPC Session met via Zoom and decided to suspend the in-person worship services for love of our neighbors.

Tuesday, March 17
Our tech Committee met via Zoom. We are looking at long term technology solutions for worship streaming.

Wednesday, March 18
Session and Deacons began making calls to church members and friends. We are contacting everyone in our directory to check in.

Thursday, March 19
Volunteers helped pack/prepared food. We worked with Second Harvest to prepare food station for community.

Sunday, March 22
Worship service via Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. We also will link the video to the website later in the day.

Norm and Joyce Beck are celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary.

Congratulations! May God grant you many more years of blessed marriage.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church is...
To be transformed by Christ, to share God’s Word and love through...
Worship Discipleship Mission Fellowship...
...within our congregation, community, and the world.

A special greeting to our visitors...
Welcome to our spiritual home. First Presbyterian Church fulfills its mission through Spirit-filled worship, essential and exciting mission projects that reach from Muncie to the third world, warm fellowship, and educational opportunities that encourage young and old to grow in love and understanding of Jesus our Savior. Thanks for joining us and investing in this life with us.

Welcome to our spiritual home.
Thank you for investing this time with us.