



The Anointing of Christ, Julia Stankova

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 3, 2022

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—
God is doing a new thing!**

As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—
God is doing a new thing!**

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—
God is doing a new thing!**

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jeff Moles

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Ps. 32:5-6

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don’t count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God’s claim on us. Jesus Christ restores us to life. Say it with joy!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 775)

*I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 12:1-8 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“The Fragrance of Love”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food, so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup. Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love. Now send us out to be Christ's body in your broken and beautiful world to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Janice Odom*

Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & Brad Smith*

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday	10:30am
Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday	6:00pm
Friday, April 15	Good Friday	Noon
Saturday, April 16	Great Vigil of Easter	6:00pm
Sunday, April 17	Easter Breakfast & Flower Cross	9:00-10:00am
	Easter Worship	10:30am

The Life of the Church

The Pastor's Lenten Book Study concludes this Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Gardenside Parlor. We are discussing the book *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan.

An Easter Egg Hunt & Springtime Get Together is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 at 2:00pm. In addition to activities for kids, this year's event will include fellowship for all ages. Plan to bring a lawn chair and join us!

The FPC Educational Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to undergraduate students who are active in the life of our church and have financial need. The deadline to apply is this Friday, April 8. Complete information is available at bit.ly/FPCScholarshipFund.

Spirit Lifters will have dinner at 5:30 on Tuesday, April 5 at Owensboro Thai. RSVP with Jerry Price.

Our Financial Secretary Staci Horn has announced that she will be retiring in May after 17 years of faithful service to our church. The Personnel Committee is moving forward to find a part time bookkeeper and human resources person. Contact Jerry Price if you have a suggestion of a non-member who might be interested in this position.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Easter Flowers

This year, we will order Easter Tulips to adorn the sanctuary through Welborn Florist. The cost of each tulip is \$15. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church with Easter flowers in the memo. Please fill out the form in the bulletin, email (office@fpcobky.com), or call (270-684-1467) the office to place your order. The following information is needed:

In honor/Memory of _____

Given by _____ Quantity _____

Order deadline is Monday, April 11.





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and to join God in the building of a
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