



Sunday, February 28, 2021

*Welcome!*

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshipers:

[This Week's Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

*He Leadeth Me*

Benjamin Wegner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives,

**And we journey with Christ through difficult times and suffering.**

Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ;

**Let us follow in the strength and providence of God.**

God has marked us as his children

**And called us together in worship.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have made us your covenant people, and marked us as your own. Be with us here this morning as we gather to give you praise and hear your word. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
The Ancient of eternal days, the God of Love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
We bow before your holy name, forever blest.

2. Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will,  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.
  
3. Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
  
4. You have eternal life implanted in the soul,  
Your love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
We praise you, Living God? We praise your holy name.  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*Isaiah 55:1*

We know that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Let us confess our shortcomings to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God we are your children. You have blessed us, loved us, and sustained us.  
Forgive us when we live as if earthly success were the worthiest aim,  
Or that independence was the highest virtue.  
Forgive us for the sins of this week.  
Forgive us for being too busy to open ourselves to your presence in our lives.  
Call us once more to take up our crosses,  
And show us how to follow you.  
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.  
Forgive us O God, and fee us to try again.**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 215)

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

\*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 656)

THIS FAR BY FAITH

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in the holy Word, God's never failed us yet,  
O, can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith;  
We've come this far by faith.

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we look to you for wisdom and for strength. Help us listen for your word this morning **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9: 17: 1-7, 15-16  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9: 2-9  
The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Dennis Jewett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Statement of Grace & Gratitude, FPC Confirmation Class 2019-2020*

**In grace, God has loved us: giving us life, giving us joy, forgiving our sins, providing a path, giving us food, giving us a home, and providing a loving family.**

**In gratitude, we will love one another: praying for others, worshipping God, reading the Bible, spreading God's word, being kind to everyone, educating others, helping, the community, and giving of our time.**

## THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

\*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...**

### 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

**God of everlasting love, as you gather us again at this table, we thank you for reminding us that no matter how often we walk away from you that you will never walk away from us. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 817

*We Walk by Faith*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God."
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.
4. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

# LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

## PREACHING

*Dennis Jewett, Director of Music*

## PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

*Rev. David Madewell*

## ASSISTING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission*  
*Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

## MUSICIANS

*Patrick Ritsch, Organist*  
*Nadia Wilkes, Kerry Showers, Terri Showers*  
*Choral Scholars*