



“Psalm 130” by Anneke Kaai

# FIFTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 26, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Valley of the Bones*

Margaret Bonds

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook Worship Resources

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

**We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

\* HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.

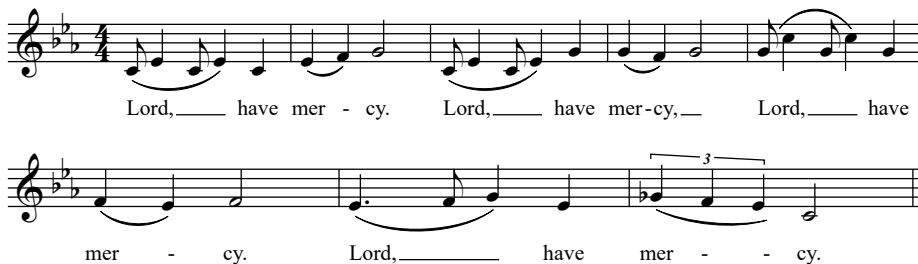
**When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.**

Breathe life into these bones  
bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare  
with heart and soul and voice  
that you are our Lord and our God....

## SILENT PRAYER

### KYRIE

GHANA



Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_ have mer-cy, \_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_ have  
mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - cy.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people.  
Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in \_\_\_ our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease.  
Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

# PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45 selected verses

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

## SERMON

# RESPONDING *and* SEALING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*The Bells*

Margaret Bonds

\* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Aramaic Translation by Neil Douglas Klotz

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos

**Focus your light within us - make it useful.**

Create your reign of unity now

**through our fiery hearts and willing hands**

Help us love beyond our ideals

**and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.**

Animate the earth within us: we then

**feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.**

Untangle the knots within  
**so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.**  
Don't let surface things delude us,  
**But free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.**  
Out of you, the astonishing fire,  
**Returning light and sound to the cosmos. Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

The Ordination and Installation of Amy Shepherd, Deacon's Class of 2025  
Deacon Co-Moderators: Michele Madden and Anne Andrus

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

### **QUESTION TO DEACON**

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Amy Shepherd as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### **PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

### **DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION**

### **CHARGE**

## **SENDING**

\* **HYMN 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Troubled Water*

Margaret Bonds



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## PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

## GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher David Prentice-Hyers  
Liturgist Melissa Anne Rogers  
Lector Nancy Fox

Pianist Josh Marzan  
Usher Diane Knibbs  
Communion Kathy Hillig  
Nancy Fox

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## Today at First

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- 8:00 a.m.     Worship (Monteith Hall)  
8:15 a.m.     Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m.     Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m.    Fellowship (Social Hall)  
10:30 a.m.    Shelter in Place Drill (Sanctuary)  
10:40 a.m.    Prayer Team (Hillegonds Chapel)  
11:00 a.m.    Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)  
11:00 a.m.    Fast Track to Membership (Pastor's Study)  
11:00 a.m.    First Friends (Lewis Room)  
11:00 a.m.    The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)  
11:15 a.m.    Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)  
7:00 p.m.     T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)  
                Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)  
                *Children's Choir will not rehearse today.*
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### **TODAY! Fast Track to Membership**

Join us today at 11:00 a.m. in the Lead Pastor's office (Level 2) for a 30-minute session where we get to know you and you get to know us. Registration is not required. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 734-904-0049 or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).