

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin*  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*March 29th, 2020*

**PREPARATION:** *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry; the Lord has power to forgive and redeem. Ezekiel 37 1-14 In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel. Romans 8:6-11 Set your mind on the Spirit, not the flesh; God will give you life. John 11:1-45 Jesus, the resurrection and the life, raises Lazarus from the dead.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Dr. David Shelor**

**PRELUDE**

**“Variations on ERHALT UNS, HERR”**

**Allen**

**INTROIT (Hymn #380)**

**“O Christ, the Healer”**

**Erhalt Uns, Herr**

**O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored, When reached by love that never ends?**

**OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 130)**

**Eric Houghton**

**LEADER:** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope;

**PEOPLE:** **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

**LEADER:** O people, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

**PEOPLE:** **It is God who will redeem us from all our brokenness. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN #404**

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Precious Lord**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Dr. Dawn Haeger**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we are not very good at facing the idea of death -- of dying to our own plans, to our attachment to the things of this world, to our trust in ourselves. We so quickly turn away from Jesus' call to lay down our lives for the sake of the gospel. Yet we know it is only in our dying to self that we experience new life in him. If only we could believe! Help our unbelief. *(silent confession)*

**\*RESPONSE (Hymnal #573)**

**“Lord Have Mercy”**

**Kyrie**

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.                    ALL: Lord, have mercy.  
CHOIR: Christ, have mercy.                ALL: Christ, have mercy.  
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.                    ALL: Lord, have mercy.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Eric Houghton**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The Word of the Lord!*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 11: 1-45**

*This is the Gospel of the Lord!*  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**“...And the Life: Jesus, Lazarus and the Coronavirus” Rev. Dr. Bob Scott**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Rev. Dr. David Shelor**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

*You have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.*

**OFFERTORY**

**“St. Agnes”**

**arr. Spong**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN #76

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine:  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Bob Scott

\*POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C”

Rinck

*For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world.  
Others prefer to remain seated and listen.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 5th, 2020 will be the Sixth Sunday in Lent.** *The lectionary scriptures will be:*

**Liturgy of the Palms**

**Mathew 21:1-11** *Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!* **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Liturgy of the Passion**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** *The Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?* **Psalm 31:9-16** *Be gracious, Lord; my enemies assail me, my life is in your hand.* **Philippians 2:5-11** *Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.* **Mathew 26:14-27:66** *After the Passover meal, Jesus is betrayed, tried, and crucified.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Nancy Klopp*
- *Mark French (Cousin of Jim French)*
- *For continued improvement: Dave Rodman, Wenda Behm.*

### LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Shelor  
Rev. Dr. Bob Scott  
Rev. Dr. Dawn Haeger  
Stephen Allen  
Timothy Belk  
Eric Houghton  
Brenda Thomas  
Jeff Cockrell

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
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Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Director of Music, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater  
Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Sound Technician, First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

## **WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Welcome! It is good to be together as a community while we worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**LIKE TO KNOW MORE?** – For more information about First Presbyterian Church, its ministry and mission, and how we can grow and learn together, please:

- Go to the church website ([www.fpcdunedin.org](http://www.fpcdunedin.org))
- Find us on Facebook
- Contact the church office (727-733-2318, [frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org](mailto:frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org))

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