



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

Gathering and Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Opening Hymn 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - on-er free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath^[b] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:^[c] Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,^[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11 Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead

spiritual
arr. William Dawson

Savannah McElhaney, *soprano*

*Sung by the First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir,
recorded during the service of worship on Sunday, October 13, 2019.*

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,^[a] "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus^[b] was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin,^[c] said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus^[d] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^[e] away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^[f] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came

where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

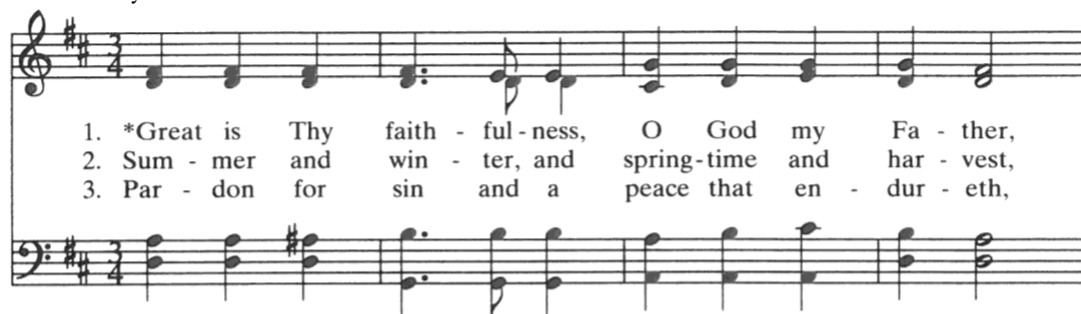
³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

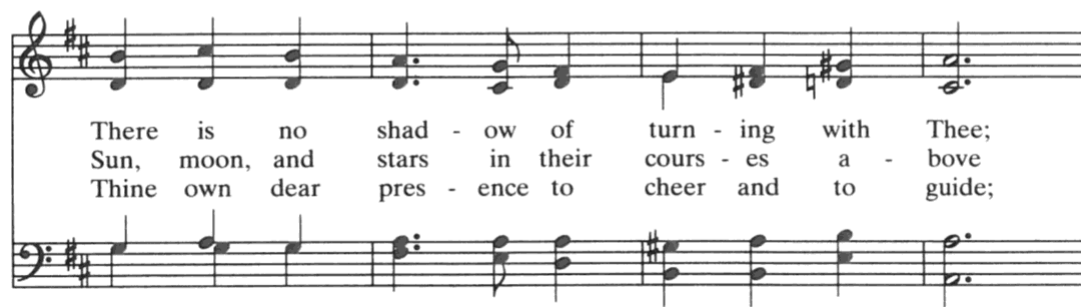
Hymn of Response 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

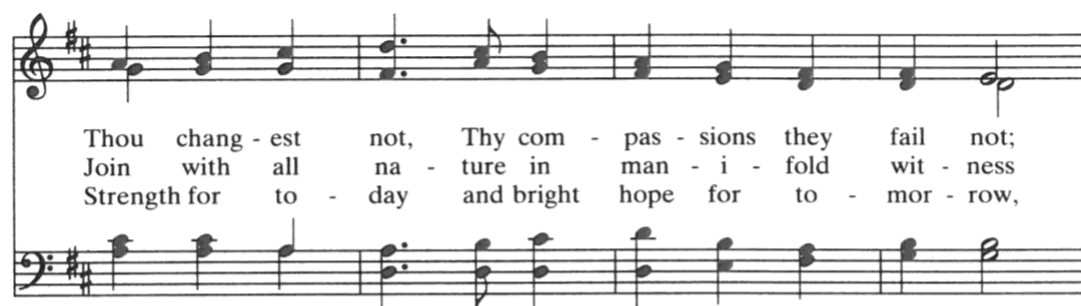
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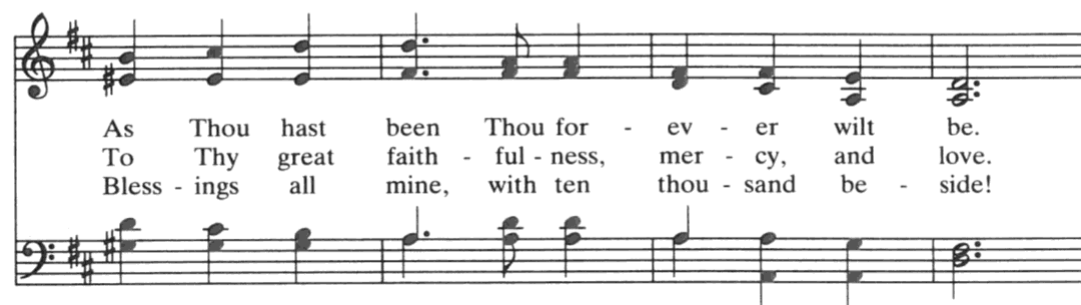
1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Prayers of the People

Please use the chat forum to enter your prayers and we will share those as a part of our communal worship.

O God, in your mercy.
Hear our prayers.

PURPLE RIBBON LIST

03/13/2020	Rashid Francis	45	Male	Black
03/23/2020	Ricky King III	17	Male	Black

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

Sending Hymn 540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

Unison Harmony

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Lov - ing coun - sels
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Un - seen wings pro -
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, With a Shep-herd's care en - fold you:
tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Charge and Benediction

Giving at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church

The ministry of the First & Franklin Church depends on your generous giving, especially in these difficult times. Click the link to give your offering: [GIVE](#). Please consider using an "automatic payment" for your church giving, or mail your offering to the church office at 210 West Madison Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Your gifts will be processed by the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS

As we all recognize real concerns for our friends who will experience hardships through this disruption in regular routines, so too, we need to be mindful that your weekly contributions are critical to helping us maintain the financial obligations of the church. Payroll, mortgages, electricity and the rest are needs we must continue to cover, and your continued support of your pledges will be even more important while we are tele-worshiping. In addition to accepting your pledges by mail to the church office, we have recently added a PayPal link to the top of our new website which will allow us to process donations with this link: [GIVE](#). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All residential campus activity has been canceled until further notice. Wherever possible, we will be moving to online or conference calls for meetings.

MORNING PRAYER | 7:00am

Please join us online:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Zoom Event Click: [MORNING PRAYER](#)

Facebook Live: [FFFacebook](#)

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE | 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Please join us online:

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Zoom Event Click: [EVENING PRAYER](#)

Facebook Live: [FFFacebook](#)

EASTER SCHEDULE

Due to the pandemic, we will continue to host our services online, including a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 10th and a 10:30 a.m. online worship service on Sunday, April 12th.

MAUNDY THURSDAY with MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please stay tuned for more information.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for the clients of Moveable Feast who are isolated. [Mike Johnson]

Prayers for our sister church in Cuba, also fighting the coronavirus, with much more limited medical resources. [Laurel Oldach]

Prayer for the family and friends of Marie Tillman, my dearest Aquarium volunteer. She was 93. blind and died of cancer. [Audrey Suhr]

Prayers for Becca Hollaway for medical treatment on her neck. [Steve Hollaway]

Prayers for Alan Anders, Rol's nephew, who has only 2-4 months to live and is suffering with brain cancer. [Audrey Suhr]

Prayers for Doris Huse (my extended family) who is suffering from dementia and organ failure in Wisconsin. [Sabrina Schumann]

Prayers for my friend Ellie's cousin, who has Covid-19 and is having to self-isolate with an immunocompromised 1-year old son. [Sarah Lloyd]

A prayer of thanks for the technology that can keep us in touch with family and friends. [Jim Schroll]

Prayers for all the patients and hospital workers who are being restricted from visitors. [John Wolford]

Thanksgiving for the great outdoors and the care of our Leadership and staff at Glen Meadows. [Susan Haugh]

Prayers for Kimmie McNeil who passed away last week, the mother of Frank McNeil and mother-in-law of Paul Fowler. [Charley Boynton]

Prayers for those of John McLucas' friends in Italy who we met and know in our hearts. [Maggy]

Thanksgiving for Rhonda Cooper, Paula Fowler, Kevin Jones and other healthcare givers in our community who are continuing to provide care in the face of this virus. [Beth Seeley]

Prayers for the many furloughed and laid off employees. [Bob Glock]

Thanksgiving for friendships at a distance. [Al Gephart]

Praying for our daughter-in-law Fran Wallace as she awaits her Covid-19 results. [Chris & David Wallace]

Thanksgiving to Rob and the entire team for making this online church community possible.
[Audrey Suhr]

Prayers for my Mt. Vernon neighbors. [Randy Veale]

Prayers for Robin. [Anne Silbermann]

Thanksgiving that I was able to hear Dr. Hoch preach again. [Michael Hill]

Thanksgiving for Rob, Taylor, Jason, John, Marianne and Nick for their creative use of technology to give our church family avenues to stay connected. Big thanks to Wanda, George and Deborah who are behind the scenes but still working hard for all of us. We have the best staff!! [Beth Seeley]

For all those who cannot be at the bedside of those who are dying. [Tamara Razzano]

I am grateful that my close friends in Italy are all well during their time of quarantine. [John McLucas]

Prayers for Kerri, a family friend, who was laid off, and for my friend Andrea who is still awaiting evacuation from the DRC. [Allie Pyan]

Prayers of concern for the foodservice industry and all those who have lost their jobs.
[Marianne Shick]

Prayers for all the teachers who will be navigating the waters of online learning. [Nick Dogas]

Prayers for family who cannot visit Covid-19 patients. [Jason Kissel]

Thanksgiving that we heard from and worshipped with Scott and Sasha as they are quarantined in Italy. [Beth Seeley]

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Rob Hoch, *Pastor*
Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Wanda Morgan, *Office Administrator*
Paula Crews, *Office Assistant*
George Meagher, *Sexton*
Taylor Brooks, *Tech Support*

*Pastor Rob's schedule runs from Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(not including Sunday). To meet with Rob, please set up an appointment.*