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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

APRIL 6, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

LENTEN CANDLES

MIKE AND SUE CAREY

CALL TO WORSHIP

GEOFF BLAIR

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
it was like a dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter
and shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joy.

**Let those who go out weeping
come home with shouts of joy.**

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #463[GTG] How Firm a Foundation

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune (FOUNDATION) seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

GEOFF BLAIR

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GEOFF BLAIR

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.**

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #425 [GTG] (verse 1)

***Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
To your presence we have come; give us now your love.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

GEOFF BLAIR

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GEOFF BLAIR

O Lord of light and salvation,
let these words of Scripture
live not only in our mouths,
but in our hearts,
that we will embody your truth
and confess with our lives
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

GEOFF BLAIR

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL MUSIC "Have Mercy On Me" by Clayton White, with Ben English, tenor

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness.

Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Have mercy on me, O God.

GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON

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++HYMN #161[GTG]

Woman in the Night

Beginning with a reference to Mary giving birth to Jesus, this text describes a series of women who had important encounters with his life, ministry, death, and resurrection. The dancelike refrain celebrates how their experiences reveal that the Good News is for all people.

THE SACRAMENT OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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.

Sanctus (sung in unison) **#552[GTG]** Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith (unison)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Invocation of Holy Spirit

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Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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.

Words of Institution

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The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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Responsive Prayer after the Supper

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You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” arr William Cutter

Joey Baunouch, bass

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, vision of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Tri-une God, whom we adore." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #629 [GTG]

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of

hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed specially for these words.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	GEOFF BLAIR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 6

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Worship service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Children’s Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, April 7

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
Staff meeting – Library
Yoga – Yoga room
Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary
Membership Committee meeting

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
Library Committee – Library
Building & Grounds - Library
Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Counting Committee – Library
Youth volunteers – Litten Hall
Lectionary Bible study – Zoom
Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Yoga – yoga room
Wired Word Bible study – Zoom
Deacons meeting

Thursday, April 10

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

NWI food distribution – Litten Hall
GIL classes
Set up for funeral luncheon – Litten Hall
Chancel Choir rehearsal – choir room
Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library

Friday, April 11

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m.

Set up for Deacons breakfast – Litten Hall

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday breakfast – Litten Hall
PALM SUNDAY Worship service - Sanctuary
Children’s Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

HOLY WEEK and EASTER are just around the corner!

Special and Creative Ways to experience the season....

PALM SUNDAY (April 13) - Morning Breakfast, Readers Theater, Chancel Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 17) - Family Centered Worship Journey

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18) - Congregational Reading of the Passion Narrative, Chancel Choir, Soloists

EASTER (April 20) - Brass, Chancel Choir, Children's Worship & Egg Hunt

Betsy's last day as our **Church Administrator** will be May 1st. We are going to miss her, but we wish her well! If you know anyone who might apply for the position, please contact Steve Fitton.

Holt First Presbyterian Church is looking for a half-time office support person. If you know of anyone, contact their office at office@FPCHolt.onmicrosoft.com.

Join the Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 27th for Choral Sunday!

10 am Worship Service

"Gloria" by A. Vivaldi

Chancel Choir, Soloists, Chamber Ensemble

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:15 (ish) after worship service in Litten Hall (adults) and Sunday School room (children)

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

April 6

Adult Forum - "Make Disciples: Teach and Learn" - Disciples are learners and learning takes place over a lifetime! We teach others by what we say and do.

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Teach and Learn" - Ms. Megan, teacher

April 13

Adult Forum - NO Formal Class this Day

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Trust in Jesus' Presence Always" - Pr. Bob, teacher

April 20

Easter Sunday

No Classes

April 27

Adult Forum - Care for Creation hear from our GREEN TEAM on our "green" initiatives, including Community Garden, Solar Panels, Recycling, "Green" paper usage, etc.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Creation: Water" - Ms. Alyse, teacher