

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 · 10:00 AM

(Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Just As I Am" arr Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Everyone who thirsts:

**People Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader All who are hungry for righteousness:

**People Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader All who need the help of God:

**All Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

*HYMN "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" # 223

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Danielle Sexton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we have grown complacent.

**You set before us a rich feast of blessing,
but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.**

**You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,
but we indulge our own desires.**

Our ways are not your ways;

our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.

**Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are,
in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v1)

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?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 13:1-9

NT Page 58

ANTHEM "O Lord, In Thee We Put Our Trust" Handel, arr. Hopson

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 132

CHILDREN'S TALK Carrie Scaccia

(4yr to Gr1 invited to 1st Floor Nursery. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON Providing a Way Out

*HYMN "Christ Be Our Light" See Insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 4:4-9

We believe in the power of gratitude.

We commit ourselves to acknowledge

every act of generosity

every gift

every sunrise and sunset

every smile, touch and kindness.

We believe that rejoicing and gentleness can warm cold hearts,

bring people together, build peace and bring forgiveness.

We intend to be guided by what is excellent and admirable,

just and holy, true and beautiful.

We have received many gifts.

They do not belong to us but are meant to be shared.

We can build a better world by living with thanks.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Reverie" Rawsthorne

Song of Praise "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v5)

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

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "The Lord is my Light" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "God of Compassion" # 261

*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...

Leader: . Remember that God is good **People: ...All the time!**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE "Toccata and Fugue in B" Pachelbel

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher!

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 amWorship followed by Coffee Break

11:15 pmChurch School

NoonYouth Choir

4:30 pmLenten Gathering – St. Paul's Roman Catholic

Tues.....10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

5:00 pmUtica Presbytery Meeting

7:00 pmSerenity Circle in Parlor

Wed..... 6:30 pmBell Choir

7:30 pmSenior Choir

Thurs7:30 amWestern Pastor Group

3:00 pmBible Study in Library

BIB Packing at TUCC

Sat10:30 amUnity in Our Community (*Doors open 10am*)

NEXT SUNDAY Luke 15:1-3, 11-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

4:30 Lenten Gathering at 1st UMC

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Don Hanson. Mar 31: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Danielle Sexton; Mar 31: Carrie Scaccia

Worship Recorder is Katrina Schell. Mar 31: John Nethaway

Deacon Ramp Duty is Mary Lou Talley. Mar 31: Marge Palmer

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Paul Barry, Harold Barry, Congregation members helping with Tuesday's Presbytery meeting held here and United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville