

***HYMN NO. 438** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
(v. 1 all, v. 2 high voices, v. 3 low voices, v. 4 all)

***BENEDICTION AND CHARGE**
*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

POSTLUDE "Elevation" Lefebure-Wely

*Special thanks to Diane Doyle
for her help in leading worship today.*

Join us for Holy Week as we remember the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter

April 13, 11:00am – Palm Sunday Worship service with a palm procession led by the children	April 17 – Maundy Thursday 5:45pm Soup and bread potluck 7:00pm Intergenerational service
April 18, 12:00pm – Good Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2747 Fairmount Blvd.) Three-hour ecumenical service of music, scripture, and preaching. Come and go as your schedule allows.	April 20 – Easter Sunday 9:00am Service of praise starting in the garden and moving to our chapel 11:00am Celebration of Easter joy in our sanctuary with special music

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (March 5 - April 20)
Please consider supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this Lenten season. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please be a part of this effort that supports programs in over 100 countries!

Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Grace Glaros, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Wanda Nelson (sister of Sharon Wiggins), and Carolyn Smith.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Roz Peters, Grace Uhle and Warren Young.

Care Groups will assist our pastor with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the head of the Deacons.

The Deacon Card Ministry, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

Thank you, office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Nancy Grube.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

Please remember to leave your name tag in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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April 6, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGtqnX2Wqm8>

****Please stand in body and/or spirit.***

CENTERING WORDS
“It’s so curious. One can resist tears and ‘behave’ very well in the hardest hours of grief. But then someone makes you a friendly sign behind a window, or one notices that a flower that was in bud only yesterday has suddenly blossomed, or a letter slips from a drawer . . . and everything collapses.”
- French author and woman of letters Colette (1873-1954)

PRELUDE E.L. Ashford
“Prelude”

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION Justice Ministry

CHORAL INTROIT Kihaya Melody
“Psalm 136”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Diane Doyle
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and you did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
and restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you God’s faithful ones,
and give thanks to God’s holy name.
Weeping may endure for the night,
but joy comes with the morning!

***HYMN NO. 435** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God our Creator and Restorer, you bring us back when our souls and bodies have gone down to the pit. When we call upon you, you are there. You wait, in patient love, for us to turn and return. You save all those who ask for your deliverance. Be with us now, as we acknowledge before you and one another how we have fallen short of your loving will.

SILENCE

KYRIE “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HYMN NO. 586** “Alleluia”

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

ANTHEM Alan Hovhaness
“Psalm 61”
Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD
Isaiah 53:1-5 (page 596)
2 Corinthians 1:1-6 (page 937)

***PSALM** “Be Still and Know”
We will sing the psalm once before and once after the gospel reading.

***LIVING WORD**
John 14:1-3 (page 877)

After the reading
This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM** “Be Still and Know”

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
“Acquainted with Grief”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR
Our Loving Parent, 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS
To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING
By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card:
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Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY American Folk Song
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”
Janice Alexander, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Loving and generous God, may our gifts support the work of love, mercy, and justice that you will for all your creation. In Jesus’ name we ask this. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 498** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”
(vv. 1,4)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Gracious God, we give you thanks for the precious gift of communion, in which we have received your true presence, the very love of Christ poured out for us. As we have partaken in this sacred meal, we have been reminded of the depth of your love and your call to love one another.

As we leave this holy table, may the love we have received from Christ empower us to live out that love in our daily lives. May it never fail in us, but continue to grow, even when faced with hardship or challenge. And, through the strength of your love, may we continue to strive for a world where faith, hope, and love abound. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.