

First Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023

Morrison, Illinois

10:15AM

3rd Sunday in Lent

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

Suite du Premier Ton Dialogue

L. N. Clerambault

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 482 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Romans 5)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 121)

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Pastor: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

***HYMN**

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

No. 456

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Forgive us Lord, for choosing to live for the flesh. We separate ourselves from your Spiritual Being, not choosing to live in your Light and Love. We live for what is perishable—not for what is eternal. In this, we choose damnation as opposed to everlasting life. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us back into living for the Spirit.*Silent prayer followed by 'Amen'.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)**

Jesus died so we might live. In Christ is forgiveness. In Christ is the Light and Love. In Christ, we follow the Way. In Christ, we live forever. Praise be Jesus' name forever and ever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH (Concluding with the Lord's Prayer (p. 16))

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

SERMON

HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

No. 76

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers")

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)**

Lord, you have created the earth and everything that dwells upon it. You have given us life and freedom to live as your loving servants. You came to earth in human form to serve us, so we might learn to love and also to find forgiveness. You have brought us out of the depths, out of the lowly places, and you have raised us on high with you. We thank you for all you have done and all you have given us. Help us change our lives and direct all our actions to living with and for you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

God of Our Life

No. 275

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Suite du Premier Ton Basse et Dessus de Trompette

L. N. Clerambault

PASSING OF THE PEACE (greeting: "Peace be with you," response: "and also with you")

*You are invited to stand for this portion.

**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead, and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachel Tucker, Ray Tucker, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study

We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unable.

Drive-Up Meal

The next meal will be on March 30. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meals will begin at **5:00PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Prayer Requests

Have a prayer request? You can now email them to prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

Easter Lillies

Please place orders for Easter flowers no later than March 19. See insert for details.

Birthdays

03/15: Jim Palmer
03/17: Steve Wolf

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox	Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf
Lexie Laughlin	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Angela Reamer	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk

*From the wilderness of Sin
the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages,
as the Lord commanded.
They camped at Rephidim,
but there was no water for the people to drink.
The people quarreled with Moses,
and said, "Give us water to drink."
Moses said to them,
"Why do you quarrel with me?
Why do you test the Lord?"
But the people thirsted there for water;
and the people complained against Moses and said,
"Why did you bring us out of Egypt,
to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"
So Moses cried out to the Lord,
"What shall I do with this people?
They are almost ready to stone me."
The Lord said to Moses,
"Go on ahead of the people,
and take some of the elders of Israel with you;
take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile,
and go.
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.
Strike the rock,
and water will come out of it,
so that the people may drink."
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
He called the place Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord,
saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"*

—Exodus 17:1-7

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