



Faith United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
in Farmers Branch

4th Sunday  
in Lent  
March 22, 2020

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and  
meet the needs of our neighbors.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me..**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

#### ◆ OPENING HYMN

*Come, Worship God (Verses 1,3,4)*

GTG 386

O QUANTA QUALIA

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain and fear, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us courage to face the reality of our world, and give us strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us to see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ leads us in paths of righteousness; Christ is with us in times of threat and times of peace; the goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives.

**God forgives us, upholds us in love, and leads us in the power of the  
Spirit to the place that Christ has prepared for us.**

#### ◆ RESPONSE

*Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

### ANTHEM

*May Christ Be Praised*

arr. Robert E. Glass

Sydney Barber, accompanist

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

### SERMON

"What Do We See?"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

## RESPONDING

### ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of Belhar, 10.5*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

### ◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (verses 1 & 4)*

GTG 833

ST. MARGARET

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you**

### OFFERING

Offertory

### ◆ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ◆ Prayer of Dedication

**O God who gives, you call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Give us strength in our weakness, peace and gentleness, words and boldness, to proclaim more of you and of us, less, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SENDING

### ◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (1,3,5)*

GTG 722

### ◆ BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

### ◆ POSTLUDE

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

### PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz  
Roger Jones  
Sugie Maxfield  
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son  
Sharon (friend of Elaine Keefer)  
Dennis Van Deventer (Barbara Stein's brother)

Barbara Stein  
Betty Runkel  
Kathie Heffler  
Hubert Laney

**Homebound/Rehab:** Margaret Jones, Anne Mobley,  
Wanda Mosher, Freddie Simmons

### Our thanks to musicians in today's service!

Sydney Barber, accompanist  
Kyle Feather, vocals  
Dillon Hanson, vocals  
Malcolm Payne, vocals  
Helen Dewey Reikofski & Roger Reikofski, vocals  
Natasha Wroblewski, vocals

### COVID-19 Update!

Once again we find ourselves worshipping on line. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We are not sure how long we will need to worship in this manner. However, we will keep you informed as best we can. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

### The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session  
Jessica Stottlemeyer, Clerk    Rich Lewis, Treasurer

#### Class of 2020

\*David Sloey, B&G  
Nancy Smith, CL  
\*Reneé Wensley, CL  
\*Dave Youngstrum, Finance

#### Class of 2021

Kurt Booth, O&E  
\*Frank Fehmel, W&M  
\*Debbie Rainier, O&E  
Jessica Stottlemeyer, CE

#### Class of 2022

Kathleen Ferguson, W&M  
Debbie Menefee, CE  
\*Katie Miller, CE  
Tracy Tiemann, B&G

### Standing Committees of the Session

\*Denotes Committee Moderator

B&G = Building & Grounds  
O&E = Outreach & Evangelism  
CE = Christian Education

W&M = Worship & Music  
Finance  
CL = Church Life



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## Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)



1 Come, wor-ship God, who is wor- thy of hon- or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun- tains;  
 3 We are your peo- ple, the sheep of your pas- ture;  
 4 Now let us lis- ten, for you speak a- mong us;

en- ter God's pres- ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak- er, and to you we pray.  
 o- pen our hearts to re- ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo- ple's sal- va- tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad- ly we kneel in o- be- dience be- fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re- mem- ber your good- ness,

to whom our ju- bi- lant prais- es be- long.  
 God a- bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor- ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re- joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and  
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

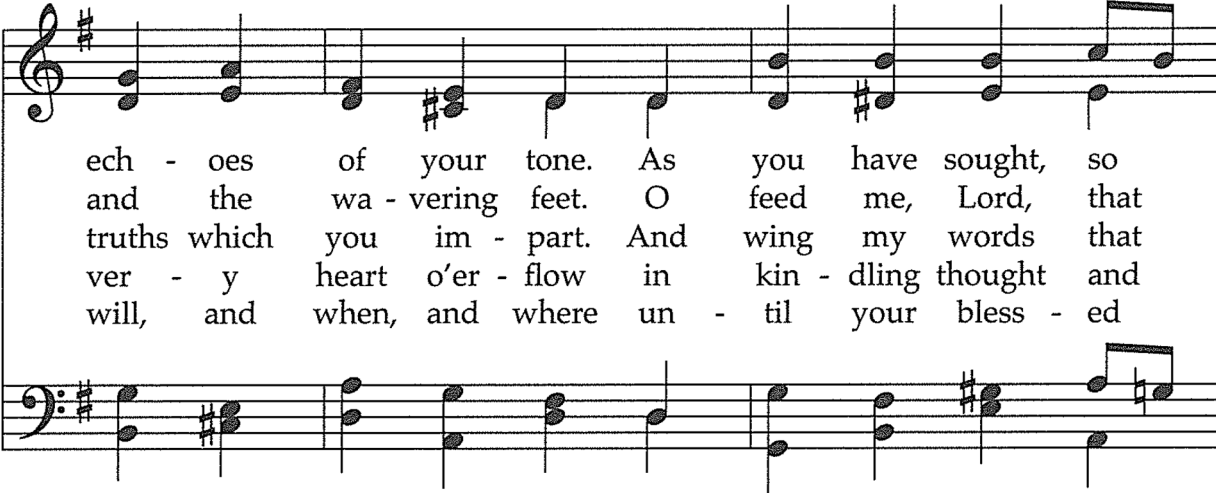
in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

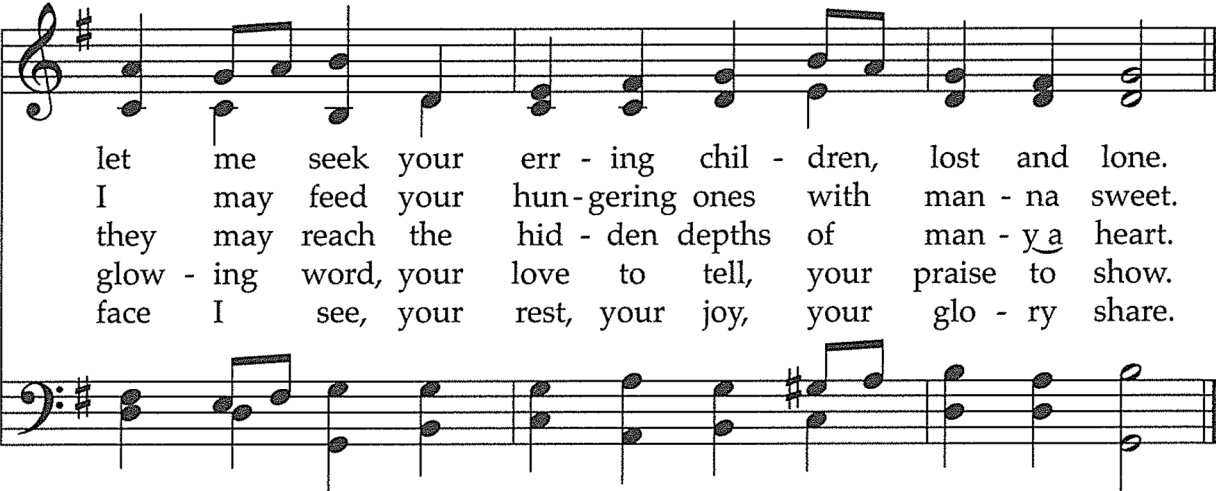
# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.