



Faith United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
in Farmers Branch

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

5th Sunday  
in Lent  
March 29, 2020

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in the Lord's word I hope.

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O people of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there  
is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**People: It is the Lord who redeem us.**

#### OPENING HYMN

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verses 1 & 2)*

GTG 267

MADRID

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

It is God who redeems from all iniquities and sin. With the Lord there is steadfast  
love and with God there is great power to redeem. Let us confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God who forgives and brings forth new life, we are anxious and fearful in the disruption of disease,  
death, and shelter-in-place. Oh, how we have set our minds on the things of the flesh. Have mercy upon us,  
and redeem us from our weakness, sin, folly, and lack of faith. If you, O God, should mark sin, who could  
stand? Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we would be empowered to live, in  
word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is the God of hope, the God of life, the God of new beginnings. There is no condemnation for those who  
are in Christ Jesus. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the  
dead will give life to you through the Spirit that dwells in you.

**We are forgiven and raised up to set our mind on the Spirit, which is life and peace.**

#### RESPONSE

*Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

# HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

ANTHEM

*Ask of Me*

Sydney Barber, accompanist

Words by Mary Foil; Music by Douglas Nolan

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

SERMON

"Life in the Face of Disruption"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

## RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967, 9.26*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

HYMN OF MEDITATION

*O God, Who Gives Us Life (verses 1 & 2)*

GTG 53

NOEL

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, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

## SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1, 3, & 4)*

GTG 687

ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE

### PRAYER LIST

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

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

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

David Pierce, Director of Music  
 Sydney Barber, accompanist  
 Kyle Feather, vocals  
 Dillon Hanson, vocals  
 Brian Hotchkiss, vocals  
 Malcolm Payne, vocals  
 Natasha Wroblewski, vocals

### The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails with any questions or concerns.

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As we move toward Holy Week & Easter we are planning for Easter Lilies. See the form below to order your 2020 Lilies! We will decorate the Sanctuary with lilies for our online Easter Worship.

### COVID-19 Update!

We continue our journey through Lent and still find ourselves worshipping online. 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.

### Order Form for Lilies



It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies. We will take orders until Easter Sunday. Please print your **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may mail this form with payment attached to the church office by Easter Sunday. Please note "**for Lilies**" in the memo section if paying by check.

I (we) wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ lilies at \$10.00 each.  
 Quantity

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment (include check #)                      Wish to pay later

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) Easter Lilies.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form & checks to **Faith United Presbyterian Church**  
 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234  
**Church Office phone:** 972-243-2866

# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

# 53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31–34).

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,      6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 bears all our years away;                      our hope for years to come,  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream              be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 dies at the opening day.                      and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.