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The God of all crea - tion is
still our hope and shield.

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The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause
FARE WELL

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 409 Abbot’s Leigh
“God Is Here!”

*Litany of Farewell (See insert)

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen
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.

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. Wilbur Held
“Prelude on Aberystwyth”

*Doxology Hymn 606 Old Hundredth
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.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)
Compassionate God, when we contemplate the self-giving love of Jesus, it makes us realize how much we need to grow. Come to us, and glorify us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may praise you forever and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ, the Sovereign One. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 Kelvingrove
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Recognition of New Member

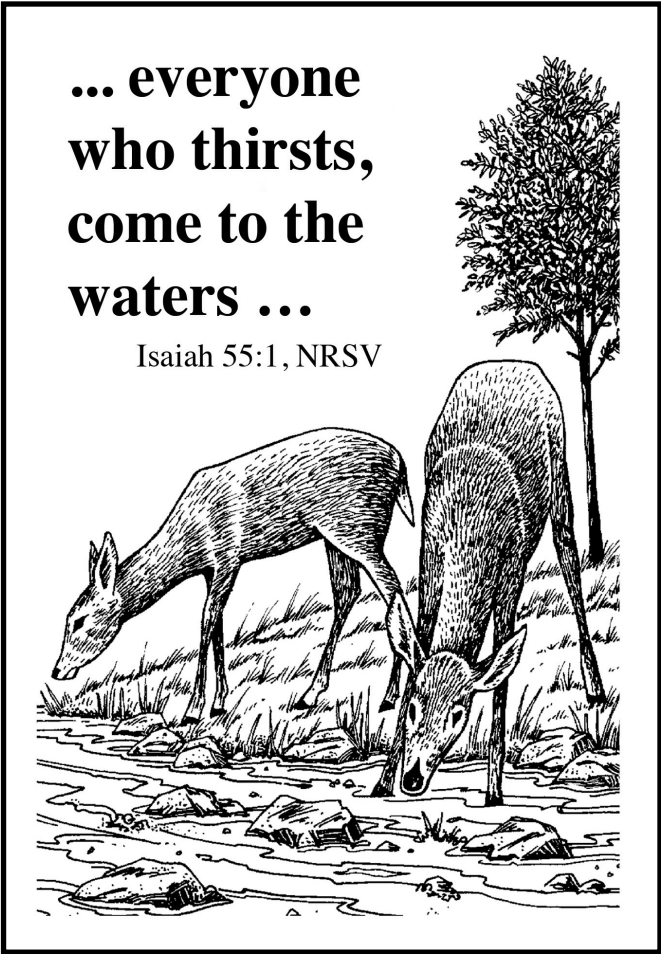
*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams
“Peace I Leave with You”
Sanctuary Choir

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Amen.

*Closing Voluntary Douglas E. Wagner
“Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord”

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 24, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Third Sunday in Lent

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back.)*

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Gordon Young
“Amazing Grace”

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come to this time of worship in reverent awe.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Know the presence and power of the Living God.
God comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume, a revelation bringing warmth and vitality.

We have known God throughout our history.

Yet there is so much of God we do not know.

God’s purposes are beyond our understanding.

Now in these moments we would be open to the unexpected.

Come, Holy Spirit, that we may respond.

Discipline and cultivate us, that our lives may bear fruit.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Creator God, it is you who have made us, and not we ourselves. We are dust without your breath of life. We are creatures, not Creator; yet you entrust the care of creation to us. Breathe your Spirit into us that we might be faithful in the tasks you set before us; through Jesus Christ, who came to redeem your lost creation. Amen.

*Hymn 772

“Live into Hope”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from bondage of guilt and judgement. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given. Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.

When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance—

Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.

When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves—

Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.

When we fail to love any of your people out of prejudice and fear—

Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

In the cross, we see God’s amazing love for us.

We are God’s children living in a confused world. So in abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our failures in grace. I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Thanks be to God forever more! Amen.

*Congregational Response Hymn 306 (v. 5) Dennis

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Harry Rowe Shelley

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sanctuary Choir

Soloists: Dianna Dixon, Linda Young, and John Fields

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
Preserve and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.
Thou spread’st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth,
and O the transport of delight,
with which my cup o’er floweth.
And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever!
Amen!

Children’s Time

Pastor Edie

Children’s Worship

Cathy Zellers

*Kids up through 5th grade may go to Children’s Worship.
All others stay in the sanctuary.*