

# A Service for the Worship of God The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021 11:00 AM



To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors
In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.

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Gathering Song...... Psalm 51

Have mercy God in your great grace Wash me from every staining trace Of sin and evil I have done I pray to you the Holy One

Open my mouth that I may raise A song to you of glorious praise The sacrifice that brings you joy A humble heart you will employ





This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

#### Prayers and Concerns

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Sermon	
Special Music Vic Varner, Music Director Lily Cooper, <i>Organist</i> Meredith Halopoff & Noah Krepps, <i>Cantors</i>	PERGOLESI
Gospel Lesson	John 3:14-21
Psalter Lesson	Psalm 107
Sermon	Let the Redeemed Say So Dr. Patrick Perryman

Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastoral Prayer and the 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

Giving and Receiving

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn ...... I Love to Tell the Story un - seen things a - bove, 1 I love to tell the sto - ry of sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat 2 I love to tell the ry, for those who know it best 3 I love to tell the sto Je - sus and his love. of of Je - sus and his glo - ry, what seems, each time I tell it, more won-der-ful - ly sweet! seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it, like the rest. true; be - cause I know 'tis love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard love to tell the sto - ry, sing the new, new song, And when, in scenes of glo - ry, Ι as noth - ing else could do. sat - is-fies my long-ings it mes-sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. I have loved so long. that be the old, old sto - ry 'twill love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME to all who join us for worship today.** If you are without a church home, you will be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. We are glad you are here! Please like us on Facebook and visit our website at **www.firstpresbeaufort.org** for sermons, news, and current events.

**TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James Clay Bassett, given by Mary and Marshall Bassett.

**2021 FLOWER CHART:** The flower chart is available in front on the table. If you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship service, please write your name and phone number next to the appropriate date. You may provide your own flowers, or order them from your florist of preference.

WASHINGTON STREET PARK SUPPERS: For the past seven years members of First Presbyterian have joined with other churches in the downtown community to provide supper in the Washington Street Park. Even during the recent shut-downs of the Park, we were able to provide boxed meals. Our night is the fourth Friday in the month, from 6 until approximately 7 pm. It's not a difficult task—we provide a meal that is prepared in advance and serve to all those who come to the park, a number that varies but rarely over 25. In the past, Sunday School classes and sometimes families have taken an evening. If this sounds like something you'd like to volunteer for, contact Lolita Watson of the Outreach Committee,

<u>bftbay@gmail.com</u> We particularly need volunteer hosts for March, April and May.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**SUN. MAR. 14** 2:00 PM Joint Meeting Session & Diaconate - Sanctuary Plaza

WED. MAR. 17 10:00 AM Spirituality Class with Rev. Becky Albright

THUR. MAR 18 12:00 PM TNT Circle - ZOOM

#### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:**

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
- Theodore Roosevelt

# ATTENTION PARENTS GOOD NEWS

Today after the Children's Sermon we will have child care for children ages 3 to 6 years old. Please to walk your children to the playground where they will be cared for until the end of the worship service.

The nursery is available for the entirety of the service. The nursery for children birth to 2 years old. Children should be taken into the door on Church Street and picked up through that door. Parents should wear masks upon entering and leaving.

Our childcare staff is following CDC protocols and guidelines and will be masked while caring for your children. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office at 843-524-3051 or info@firstpresbeaufort.org

#### **OUTREACH BACKPACK PROJECT**

Your Outreach Committee has embraced a new opportunity to support our local community! The United Way has 100 empty backpacks earmarked for our temporarily homeless or housing-insecure neighbors. Our committee's goal is to fill these backpacks with essential items as suggested by The United Way.

Will you help? Because we NEED you to join this effort, we have developed a short "ask" list of items. We would gratefully appreciate any number of the following:

- Sunscreen Full size (about 6 oz.), any kind
- Toothpaste Full size, any kind
- Toilet Paper Any kind
- Peanut Butter Creamy only
- Crackers Saltines or Řitz

These items can be brought to church on Sunday morning, or left in the little red wagon on the Fellowship Hall porch any Monday-Thursday, during the next three weeks.

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry said in a recent communication, "..there is a growing need for food and housing relief. Yes – a **growing** need......Many of our neighbors continue to be un- or under-employed." This backpack mission will help relieve some immediate concerns as The United Way, along with other local organizations, strive to assist those in need. With your help we can fulfill a United Way project that will make an immediate difference for so many during this difficult time.

## Thank you for your continuous generosity!

