



First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort

A Service for the Worship of God
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 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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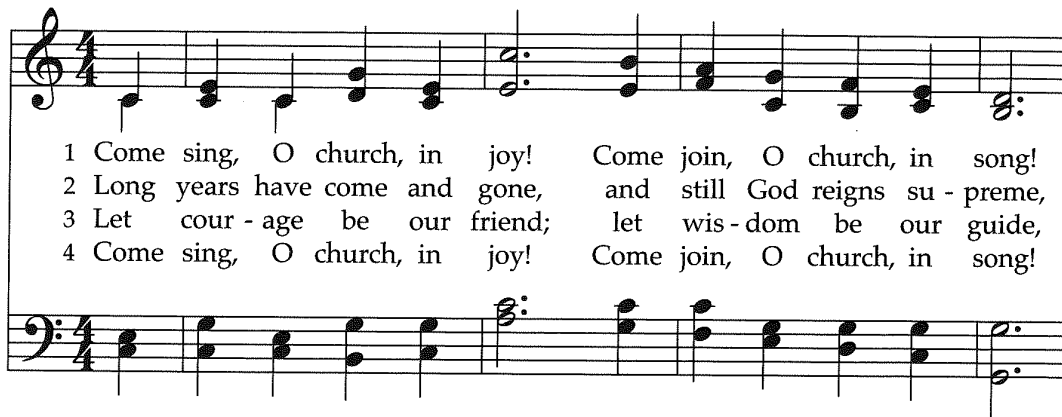


*Have mercy God in your great grace
Wash me from every staining trace
Of sin and evil I have done
I pray to you the Holy One*

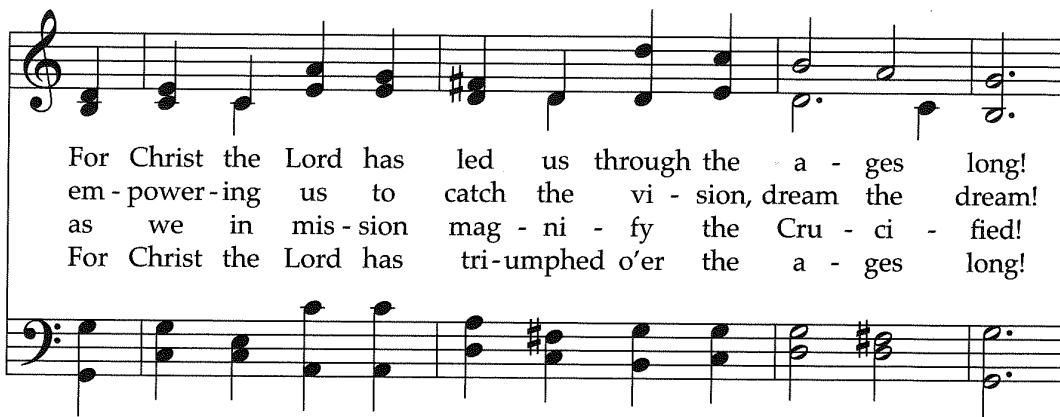
*God, I will teach your ways of grace
And sinners then will seek your face
Save me and rescue, God of mine
And I will sing your praise divine*

Welcome & Call to Worship Reverend Becky Albright

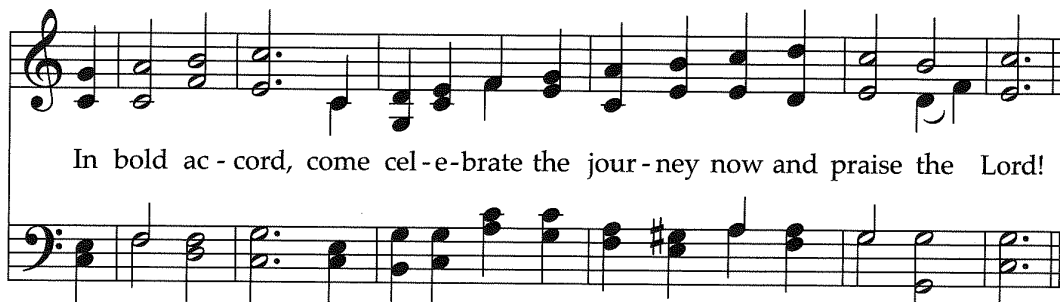
Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Prayer of Confession

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, who are forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Sermon Dr. Patrick Perryman
(children ages 3 to 6 are dismissed to the playground)

Special Music.....*My Song Is Love Unknown*
Vic Varner, *Music Director* JAMES KIRKBY
Lily Cooper, *Organist*
Meredith Halopoff, *Soloist*

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33

Psalter Lesson..... Psalm 51

Sermon..... **Have Mercy**
Dr. Patrick Perryman

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..... *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870
 Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

BEECHER
 8.7.8.7.D
 (alternate tune: EBENEZER)

Benediction

Postlude

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 by.

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 bftbay@gmail.com of the Outreach Committee. We particularly need volunteer hosts for March, April and May.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. MAR. 21	5:30 PM	Anti-Racism Book Discussion Caste: Isabel Wilkerson with Rev. Becky Albright via Zoom
MON. MAR 22	5:30 PM	Session Meeting via Zoom
WED. MAR. 24	10:00 AM	Spirituality Class with Rev. Becky Albright
SAT. MAR. 27	10:00 AM	FPC Annual Egg Hunt - Battery Point Park

Up Coming Events

SUN. MAR 28	11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Service
THUR. APR. 1	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

"There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't."
- John Green

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
- Peanut Butter – Creamy only
- Crackers – Saltines or Ritz
- **Toilet Paper – donation fulfilled, thank you!**

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!



Join us for Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27 at 10:00AM

Battery Point Playground
(Corner of Bryan Drive & Holbrook Drive, Beaufort)

Please bring your own basket and there will be light refreshments