



Lord's Day Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020

Prelude: How Great Thou Art .....Michael Burkhardt
Charlie Frost, organ

Introit: Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place .....Lanny Wolfe
Lavon Stevens, piano
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
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Welcome & Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 124 & 130)

Leader: Praise be to the Lord!
People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.
Leader: The Lord listens to our cries of pain and hears our laments.
People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.
Leader: The Lord does not turn from our distress, but stretches out a hand to heal, to comfort and to save.
People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.
Leader: All thanks and praise be to You, O God, for
People: the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Hymn: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Prayer

Special Music: On Eagle's Wings ..... Michael Joncas
Lavon Stevens, piano

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no
fear: under His wings, your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
[Refrain]

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
[Refrain]

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
[Refrain]
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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Message ..... Dr. Will Robinson

Hymn: This Is My Father's World
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

*This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

### Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

**Life of the Church** .....Rev. Lisa Schrott  
Hannah Kreoger, Director of Ministry with Youth  
Jackie Wilhelm, Director of Ministry with Children

### Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
[Refrain]*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
[Refrain]*

### Charge & Benediction

**Postlude: Trumpet Tune** .....Henry Purcell

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Dr. S. Russell Floyd, III, Minister of Music  
Charles D. Frost, Organist

Rev. Dr. William E. W. Robinson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Lisa M. Schrott, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Congregational Life  
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### **Prayer for Wisdom and Peace**

God of all that is seen and unseen,  
our anxiety rises as the invisible coronavirus spreads.

We worry about the impact of this illness on healthcare workers, older adults,  
those already physically fragile, the vulnerable among us and people whose  
livelihoods are tied to the regular movement of people and commerce.

We recognize in this moment how inextricably connected we are  
to one another, and we hope that this unmistakable realization will shape  
all our actions in ways that foster the common good, increase compassion  
and expand communal care.

As people in positions of leadership in religious communities, educational  
institutions, hospitals, government and local communities face difficult choices  
about how to address the complex challenges this virus brings,  
grant them wisdom and courage.

Knowing that we are flawed and that our knowledge is incomplete,  
make us humble in our judgment, patient with one another,  
and gracious toward those tasked with the burden of making hard decisions  
in the days ahead.

Bring healing to the sick, strength to the caregivers, comfort to those  
who mourn, peace to those in quarantine and mercy to  
all of your beloved creation. Amen.

- Rev. Jill Duffield, editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook*  
<https://pres-outlook.org/2020/03/prayer-for-wisdom-and-peace-as-the-coronavirus-spreads/>