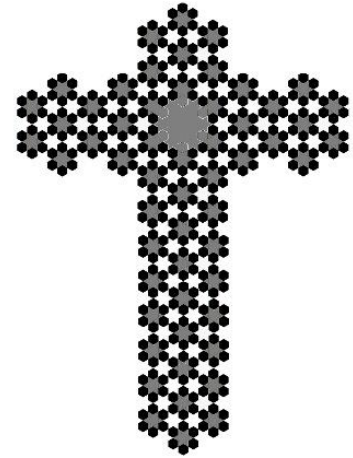


The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **A** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Ayre"

Telemann

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Bless the Lord who forgives us all our sins.
- C** His mercy endures forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- Al** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

H. 544 vs 1, 2

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray... . Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- C** Amen.

WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, Chapter 31...*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *On Jordan's Bank*]

H. 76 vs 1,2,3,6

***Have mercy in your goodness, Lord, And in your grace forgive my sin;
Wash me from evil through and through, Cleanse me, O Lord, without, within.***

***All my transgressions, Lord, I know; I see my sin both day and night;
Against you only have I sinned, Done what is evil in your sight.***

***So, when you speak, Lord, it is just; Your judgments all reveal the truth;
I have been wicked from my birth, A sinner even from my youth.***

***Create in me a clean heart, Lord, Renew a spirit that is right;
Take not your Spirit from my life, Nor cast me out, Lord, from your sight.***

The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews, Chapter 5...*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears

[Please stand.]

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you. Refrain

Refrain:

God has spoken to his people, bless his holy Name!

And his words are words of wisdom, burning like a flame.

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, then let them hear.

They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. Refrain

The Gospel

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

▯ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

▣ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

- ☐ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.
- ☐ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*]
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- ☐ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.**
- ☐ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**
- ☐ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give thanks for the birthdays this week, Susan Fowler, Ken Tomlinson, Brian Sharpe, and for those with anniversaries this week, Hank & Marilyn Nalewajek, Ron & D'Juana Ellis. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- ☐ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook.*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- ☐ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

My Song is Love Unknown

J. Ireland

Julian Guini, soloist

Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand]

D We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God’s world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

H. 474 vs 4

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

A ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

P Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

A **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C **Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

S. 164

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

COMMUNION CHANT

The Lord is My Song

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

***The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing

H. 344 vs 1,2

***Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.***

***Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;***

THE DISMISSAL

D Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in e"

J. S. Bach

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Guest Organist	Stephen Allen
Acolyte/Crucifer	Laurie Toohey
Lectors	Frank Kneen & Sandy Kneen
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel

Bio for Stephen L. Allen, Guest Organist

Stephen was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and studied organ in his senior year of high school at the North Carolina School of the Arts with John Muller. He studied organ at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, NC with Donna Robertson and earned his BA in Organ Performance (with a double minor in Voice and Piano) at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC (outside of Asheville). He has done graduate organ study with John Brock at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He was at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville before moving to Iceland to teach. Upon returning to the country, he worked briefly again in Asheville before moving to Fort Myers Beach to serve Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church as Director of Music/Organist.

Stephen has served churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and Olafsvik, Iceland. He has accompanied the Asheville Choral Society and the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus. He is currently the Director of the Dunedin Community Chorus, directs Bay Voices (a TTBB men's choral ensemble) and performs with HeartStrings (a violin and piano ensemble with David Dusylovitch).

Stephen holds memberships in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Handbell Ringers of America, and the American Guild of Organists. He has served as Dean of AGO Chapters in North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida.

Stephen moved to Dunedin in 1989 to become Director of Music/Organist at First Presbyterian Church. Stephen "retired" in January of 2020 and now serves FPC on a part-time basis.