

First Presbyterian Church of Marysville

Lenten Series: "What Are You Up To"

Worship @ Home
March 17, 2024
(5th Sunday in Lent)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Light a candle to remind you of Christ's light.

Take three deep and centering breaths.

Breathe in "Loving God"

Breathe out "Prepare my heart"

OR

Sing "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

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 angels' wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place



INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: "When nothing else would help, love lifted me!" says the old Gospel song. To be lifted up is to be drawn into the love of God. Jesus drew all kinds of people to him during his short tenure on earth, drawing no boundaries for who was invited into that love. As his hour to die drew nearer, he spread the message that all things would be enveloped in his love even when he was gone. What uplifting message will we pass on to others?

All: **You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.**

HYMN: "O Perfect Love " #533 Blue (words are attached) or sing a hymn of your choosing

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Radically inclusive God, you offer each one of us a life-changing love that leaves no one out. Sometimes our hearts feel so heavy that we struggle to rise up and claim it. In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we'd like to give up for good... for the sake of The Good. (Silent Prayer)

CLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

One: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

All: **Rejoice, for we are forgiven and healed. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: "There is a Balm in Gilead" #394 Blue *(words are attached) or sing a hymn of your choosing*

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33

MESSAGE: "Lift Up"

Rev. Grace Suwabe

In this passage, Jesus openly indicates the kind of death he was to die. And yet he speaks of a deep hope. Jesus speaks of the hardship of grain being transformed into fruit. What if the hardships we experience give us opportunities to really experience the hope that lifts us up and brings us through or out of that hardship? (Please contemplate on these words and spend some time with God in prayer.)

GATHERING AND DEDICATING OUR OFFERING

One: We bring our gifts to God with gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received.

All: **May God use our gifts, even as He uses us, to accomplish His purposes in Jesus Christ.**

Consider what gifts you could offer to God and to God's people during this uncertain time. Speak them out loud or write them down and after worship, make a plan to share these gifts.

Some examples include – expressing gratitude by thanking God for one thing everyday, doing a good deed for someone in need, complimenting a family member or friend

*Please continue to support the church by mailing your offering (checks only) to the church office:

First Presbyterian Church of Marysville - P.O. Box 1070, Marysville, CA 95901

You may also drop off your offering at the church office on Thursdays from 10 am – 4 pm or Fridays from 11 am – 2 pm. (Do not put anything in the mailboxes outside please.)

Online giving is also available! Copy and paste the below link into your browser and follow the prompts:

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFfwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3

Thank you for your continued support of the church!

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, A-men.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Offer prayer for the needs of the world, paying particular attention to those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. May God's provision, protection and presence be with them.

Let us join together in prayer for the following people:

Aurel B, Betty H, Peggy L, Joe M, Judy M, Jackie P, Nancy F, Pearl S, Al W, Adam (nephew of Susie), Anthony (grandson of Jackie), Charlene (sister of Nancy), Christina (daughter of Lenora), Herm (brother-in-law of Susie), Hillary (daughter of Lorraine), Joy (sister of Pastor Grace), Kenny (nephew of Susie), Ray (husband of Cathy), Ron (husband of Nancy), Suzanne (daughter of Nancy)

If you are in need of prayer or assistance, please let Pastor Grace know at fpcmsvlpastor@gmail.com.

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.

HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #316 Blue (words are attached) or sing a hymn of your choosing.

CHARGE

One: Now go forth with no limits on love, imagining a mighty Spirit wind beneath your wings raising you up to new heights.

All: **We go knowing that we have all we need to be up to something good.**

BENEDICTION – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen.

(Extinguish the candle if you lit one at the beginning of worship and allow the smoke to billow as a reminder of Christ's abiding presence.)

OR

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Hours during week of Mar. 17th – Mar. 23th

Thursdays 10 am – 4 pm

Fridays 11 am – 2 pm

Announcements:

Session Meeting today at 12 noon in church office.

Bible Study is on Wednesday, March 20th at 2 pm by Zoom. We are studying the book of Luke.

Plastic eggs and wrapped candies are being collected for the food pantry. Please bring them by March 24th.

Stuffed bunnies are being collected for the Yuba County Sheriff's Department during Lent.

Upcoming Special Services:

Maundy Thursday Service will occur on Thursday, March 28th at 6 pm. Please join us for a soup dinner at 5:15 pm.

A joint Good Friday Service will occur at 12 noon on Friday, March 29th at the First United Methodist Church on D Street in Marysville. Please join us!

Easter Sunrise Service will occur at 6:30 am on Easter Sunday, March 31st in the Gazebo at Ellis Lake in Marysville. Join us as we celebrate the risen Christ. Please bring a chair to sit in.

One Great Hour of Sharing (special offering) supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. Envelopes are available in the sanctuary and in the church office during Lent.

Please worship with us on Sundays at 1900 Ahern St, Suite C, Marysville (across from Kynoch Elementary School).

Our church office is now at 1900 Ahern St, Suite A, Marysville. Come by and say "Hello".

Sunday's worship bulletin and sermon are on our church website! – www.firstpresmarysville.church

The food pantry (1905 Covillaud St, Suite C) is open on Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon. Help is welcomed.

*Items needed – *pasta, spaghetti sauce, jelly*

O Perfect Love

O perfect love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou forever more dost join in one.

O perfect life, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,
With child-like trust that fears nor pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my sou ;again.
(Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say "He died for all"
(Refrain)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.