

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Noé Juarez

...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.

**Offering**

Chris Martin

**Offertory**

*"The Lord's Prayer"*  
Daniel Ponder

by Miklos Rosza

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Chris Martin

**\*Closing Hymn No. 833**

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

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**Benediction**

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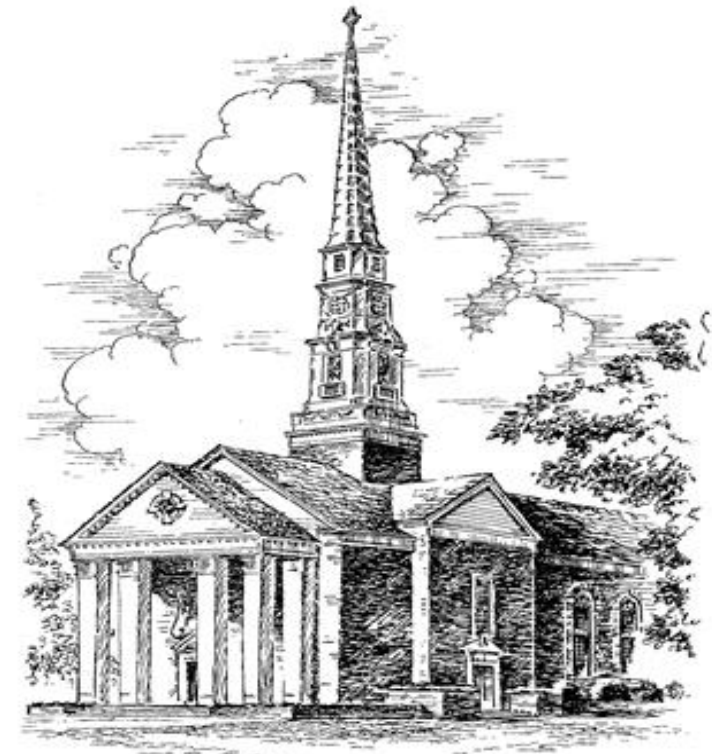
**Postlude**

*"Little Prelude and Fugue in F"*

by Krebs/attr. Bach

\*Please stand if you are able.

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Holy Week at  
First Presbyterian Church**

**Palm Sunday, March 24**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship

**Maundy Thursday, March 28**  
8:00 p.m. Living Last Supper Communion Service  
(Childcare Available)

**Good Friday, March 29**  
Personal Prayer Time at Home

**Easter Sunday, March 31**  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with  
Rev. Antonio M.K. Lawrence (Faith Church)  
10:00 a.m. Worship followed by the  
flowering of the Cross  
Church Office closed Monday, April 1st.

## First Presbyterian Church

*With Christ our Savior as model and the Holy Spirit as guide, we gather  
to worship God, and go forth to serve, sharing God's love.*

March 17, 2024                      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent                      10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**                      “A Lenten Prelude”, by Charles Callahan with Nancy Hastings on flute

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Chris Martin

**Moment for Mission**                      John (Bud) Fidler

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**People:** We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

**Leader:** Keep pressing on toward the goal:

**All:** The heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn** No. 624                      “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”                      TOULON

**Call to Confession:** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins:

### Prayer of Confession

**Most holy God, we admit to you and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we find it hard to recognize who we are, where we came from, or where we are going. We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, and led by the nose along the highways and byways created by sinful interests. Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly and seek you more diligently. Forgive our shortcomings and prepare our hearts to welcome you each day. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon:

The mercy of the Lord is forever. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Response** No. 581                      “Gloria Patri”

### Passing of the Peace

**Time with Children**                      Paige Corbett

### Scripture Reading: John 7:25-44

At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah? But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.”

Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”

At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. Still, many in the crowd believed in him. They said, “When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man?”

The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

Jesus said, “I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come?’”

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.” Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” Thus, the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**                      “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”                      by Mary Ellen Kerrick  
Chancel Choir

**Sermon Series, The Story: Jesus, the Son of God**                      Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez