

"You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God."

Church in the Forest

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The Fifth Sunday in

LENT

March 13, 2016 • 9:30 am

Isaac Watts, 1707

Hugh Wilson, c. 1800
Adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825

1. A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my Sov - ereign die!
 2. Was it for sins that I have done He suf - fered on the tree?
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, And shut its glo - ries in,
 4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe;

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I!
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 When Christ, the great Re - deem - er, died For hu - man crea - tures' sin.
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way; 'Tis all that I can do.

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PRELUDE

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Afterwards, the minister welcomes the congregation and invites us to stand

Minister: In this Lenten time, we together and individually would draw near to the One who is the Lord of all and who calls us to follow and love as Jesus loves.

People: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord with expectant hearts and minds to the end that we might glorify the God of us all.

The hymn is sung on page 2 — and then the service continues on page 4

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland		
Assistant Minister and Bible Study	The Rev. Ken Feske		
Music Director	Melinda Coffey Armstead		
Office Administration	Sherry St. Clair	Publications	Mary Wiltse
Lector	Bob Mulford	Crucifer	Leslie Mulford
Altar Care	Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice		
Ushers	Bob and Cynthia Perry		

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Bob Mulford

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Responsively

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

THE SERMON

“Spring forward, and hold on to your hat!”

the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Afterwards the minister will ask all to stand

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

—The Apostles' Creed

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of worship. Your presence makes this time together a unique and wonderful experience. May God minister to each of us as we so need.

If you are visiting today, we offer you a special welcome and invite you to return. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate as it is passed to you. If you have a prayer request, please note that as well. The pastoral staff will attend to it and, if you wish, share it with the *Prayer Circle*.

For those interested in uniting with the Church in the Forest, please look for **Marilyn Kren**, our Membership Chair, and share with her your interest. A *New Member Intake* is scheduled for **Sunday, April 3**, with a luncheon for these folks afterwards at the Manse. Please let **Marilyn, Sherry** in the office, or one of the clergy know.

A special thanks to the **Heartstrings**, our musical guests this morning with their rousing Irish music. It is wonderful to have you back!

Please join friends at the coffee and fellowship time following the service. Thank you to **Victoria Carns** and **Mary Kay Crockett** for the great cookies that we will enjoy today.

The flowers at the altar this morning are given by **Janet McDaniel**, “In honor of Mick Erickson, Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor.” And while on the subject of flowers, for those who would like to donate a lily to bedeck the church on **Easter Sunday**, a form for that purpose is on page 10.

If you would like to be part of the service by greeting people as they arrive, or reading the first lesson of the morning, please let one of the clergy know. We, and the entire congregation, would value your participation.

A service to honor the memory of one of our own, **Erl Lagerholm**, a “man about town,” especially his beloved Carmel, will take place here at the church this afternoon at **2:00 pm**.

Next Sunday, which happens to be **Palm Sunday** and the beginning of **Holy Week**, the **Rev. Ken Feske** will be in the pulpit.

On **Tuesday, March 15**, the *Small Study Group* led by **Ken Feske** is at the home of **Raymond** and **Carol Williams**, 3945 Ronda Road, PB; **10:15-11:30 am**. Topic: “Being Bold, Yet Wise” —*James 3:12-18*

As we approach **Holy Week**, please remember the opportunities to be in worship on **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** at **6:00 pm** and, of course, one of the two (identical) services on **Easter Sunday** at **9:30** or **11:00 am**. The Music Prelude will begin at **9:10** and **10:40** on **Easter** morning.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING

Celtic Air

After the alms are gathered, the congregation rises and sings the Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 THE DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures
here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

After the prayer, the hymn follows on the next page

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf-fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Alternative tune: *St. Flavian* (original rhythm), 332.

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

*God will not cut you
from the team*

The minister continues and you may sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

THE PRAYERS

The minister will lead the prayers and conclude each prayer with:

We pray to the Lord.

The congregation will then respond:

Lord hear our prayer.

Concluding prayer in unison on the following page

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Please stand for the hymn on the following page

At the conclusion, the minister performs the

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent)

POSTLUDE

Bonaparte's Farewell/ The Girl I left Behind Me/Smash the Windows

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It's that time of year again! Please use this form to order a Lily for our Easter decorations. The cost is \$10 per plant and you may order more than one. Please fill out the order form below and return it with the appropriate amount. Donor:

In Memory of/ In Celebration of/ or Thanksgiving for (please circle):

In unison

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down; when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that
 I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down be-
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my
 neath God's righteous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme, I will
 sing and joyful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul; Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Music Box

— MARCH 13, 2016 —

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HEARTSTRINGS

Laura Burian, fiddle; **Mike Osgood**, mandolin; **Paulette Lynch**, hammered dulcimer; **Marj Ingram-Viales**, guitar; **Rick Chelew**, bass

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Prelude for St. Patrick's Day at 9:00

Danny Boy/Elzik's Farewell/Vladimir Steamboat/Mairi's Wedding/Flowers of Edinburgh/Water Kelpie/Trip I Took Over the Mountain/Rights of Man/Amelia's Waltz/
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Celtic Air

Bonaparte's Farewell/ The Girl I left Behind Me/Smash the Windows

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) was a literary Colossus with one foot in Ireland and the other in England. He completed his greatest works—including *The Tower* (1928) and *The Winding Stair and Other Poems* (1929)—AFTER they gave him the Nobel Prize, which was a peculiar order to do things. Here's a (deliciously non-PC) Yeats poem that makes you wonder whether he and Ogden Nash had intertwining DNA):

POLITICS

How can I, that girl standing there,
My attention fix
On Roman or Russian
Or on Spanish politics?
Yet here's a travelled man that knows
What he talks about,
And there's a politician
That has read and thought,
And maybe what they say is true,
Of war and war's alarms,
But O that I were young again
And held her in my arms!

Melinda Coffey Armstead