

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Sketch No. 4 in D-flat-major*  
Samuel Libra, organ

Robert Schumann

### WELCOME

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

### \*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4  
*Hymn can be found on page 6*

LEONI

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Loving and Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires. Forgive us for the times when we have ignored the needs of others, when we have failed to place our feet upon your path, when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call. Lord, in your forgiveness, help us to respond to your call so that we may find our place within your creation.

*(Time for silent prayer)*

### \*KYRIE



Lord have mer-cy up - on us.

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Lord have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*RESPONSE**

*(to the tune of "Jesus Shall Reign")*

DUKE STREET

**May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:  
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.**

## THE WORD

**LESSON FOR CHILDREN**

Lorie Williamson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

**FIRST READING**

Acts 12:6-11

**SOLO**

*How Beautiful Are the Feet* (from MESSIAH)

G.F. Handel

Christina Recktenwald, soprano

**SECOND READING**

Exodus 3:1-6

**SERMON**

*Awefull Adventures*

Rev. Steve Jester

## THE RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from the Iona Community*

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
The Octet

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## SHARING GRACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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.**

## THE SENDING

### \*HYMN 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*  
Stanzas 1,2, and 4  
*Hymn can be found on page 7*

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### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Sketch No. 3 in F-minor*

Robert Schumann

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

**SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING:** We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/giving](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/giving) to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 or by using the Venmo app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

### OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor; Nicholas Moloney, Camera

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### WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Debbie Kelsey and her family on the death of her father, Dr. Edward Crawford Hightower, Jr. 2/23/21.

Cathy and John Hollander, their daughters, Emily Bowling and Sara Zoeller, and their families on the death of Cathy's mother, Linda Crump, 2/14/21.

## THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor  
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for  
Community Life  
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth  
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music  
Ministries  
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries  
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School  
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant  
Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant  
Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton  
Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist  
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs  
Co-Coordinator  
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator  
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate  
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper  
Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant  
Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern  
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of March 14, 2021

**Stories from El Salvador** – Join Pastor Nathan and Joy after worship today, at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom for an update from our mission partners in El Salvador. See Seconds to Go for the link.

**Registration for In-Person Worship** begins Monday, March 15. Beginning this week, registration for both 9 a.m. Morning Prayer and 11 a.m. In-Person Worship will open on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and close on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Please watch for an email this Monday for a link to registration as well as more information regarding Holy Week Services.

**Easter lilies** in honor or memory of a loved one can be ordered by contacting Beth at 502-895-3483 or [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org) before March 30. Checks can be mailed to Second Presbyterian Church, attn. Beth, 3701 Old Brownsboro Rd., Louisville KY 40207.

**Holy Week bags for children** will be available Sunday March 21st in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Children will gain a greater understanding of the events leading to Easter Sunday through crafts, an easter scavenger hunt and an outline of the week explaining this most important journey in ways children can understand. Bags may be picked up under the portico near door #3.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

Confirmation Sunday will be on March 21 during the 11 a.m. service.

### Upcoming Service Projects

March 24 Easter Basket Assembly Night/supplies are due

March 31 Lunch and Work Day in Youth Suite at 12 p.m.

April 10 Work, lunch and fun day at Cedar Ridge 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (This is for youth, children and parents)

**Costa Rica Mission Trip** This summer 2021, Second Presbyterian is planning a trip to visit our mission partners in Costa Rica. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please contact Chelsea Beasley at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org). Deadline is March 31.

**Open Gym** takes place each Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. for grades 4 and up. Kickball, badminton, floor hockey, volleyball, ultimate soccer are all possibilities for this night of fun. Use door number 6, by the chapel, for entry. Fourth & 5th grade parents are asked to stay during the first open gym your child attends. For more information contact Jordan Akin at [jakin@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jakin@2ndpreslou.org) or Lorie Williamson at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org)

**Lunch Bunch** will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 12:00-1:00 for children in grades 4 and up. Lunch is provided, so join us for a time to hang out and just be together in the Youth Suite! Enter through the office door (door 2) to sign in and for temperature check. Masks must be worn when not eating. Please contact Chelsea Beasley at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) to sign up.

**Wednesdays Together continues** this month. In our next three weeks, music will be included as part of our Children's "Learning Together," and all children and children's choir members are invited to learn a song for a special Palm Sunday video that will be taped March 24. The song can be learned by accessing our Children's Choir playlist on YouTube 2ndpreslou. Reservations are required for Wednesdays Together by noon on Monday. See the reminder in Seconds to Go, or contact Chelsea Beasley at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org).

The **Morning Joy** weekday Bible study began January 7: "Luke's Jesus: A Thematic Study of The Gospel According to Luke." Morning Joy meets on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom. The link appears in Seconds to Go. If you would like to be on the Zoom mailing list, please contact Chelsea Beasley at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) or call her at 895-3483.

**Lenten Recital Series - Virtual - Thursday, March 18 at Noon on YouTube 2ndpreslou** - Oboist Jennifer Potochnic of the University of Louisville joins SamuelLibra in a program of music for oboe and organ, including "Gabriel's Oboe" from Ennio Morricone's score for the 1986 film *The Mission*.

**Mission of the Month - Buckhorn Children and Family Services** - The mission of Buckhorn Children and Family Services is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families. Located in the scenic Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky, their residential campuses in Buckhorn and Pine Ridge offer secure, compassionate, and therapeutic communities to kids. Here they will know that they are somewhere safe, different, and special. Please drop off donations under the portico (use any type bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours through the week. Requested items include toiletry items, laundry aids, bedding and towels, and some school supplies. Please see Seconds to Go for a detailed list.

**Sunday School** - March's Sunday School will be based on the story of Moses. Please take the time to have a movie night at home with your family. For middle to older elementary aged children, I suggest the movie "Prince of Egypt" while younger elementary and preschool may enjoy the Veggie Tales movie, "Moe and the Big Exit." Both movies will support discussion of the Jewish tradition of Passover and how that tradition fits with Easter. Craft bags will be available in their usual spot underneath the portico beginning Sunday March 7th. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the Children's newsletter, 2PK and will be on the Church's website under the resources tab the following week.

## 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.