



March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven

By grace you have been saved through faith...! ~ "Paul"

Praise Prelude *God So Loved the World*

J. Stainer, arr. J. Koerts

*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me!
God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me!
God loves us so; God loves us so; God loves us so; God's so good to us!
We worship God; we worship God; we worship God; praise and thanks to God!*

Welcome!

Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of grace and mercy, if you held our sin against us, who could live? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. Forgive us for choosing to live in ways that lead to destruction. Renew us, that we may live in hope and new life! Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

There is forgiveness with God in Jesus Christ! Being forgiven, we are freed to choose life!

Brothers and sisters, this day and every day, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

The Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us

with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Message From Death to Life for Good

Affirmation of Faith (from the Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Musical Meditation *You Are My All in All*

Dennis Jernigan

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer response, with lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O". The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me." The notation includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and a double bar line at the end.

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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

Benediction

Benediction Response *Bless the Lord*

Taize Community, J. Berthier