

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MT. PLEASANT, MI**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
February 21, 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10:30 AM Worship Service**

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**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

“Meditation”  
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Theodore W. Ripper

**WORDS OF GREETING**

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**All: for where he is, we would be also.**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Bidwell

One: We have entered the season of Lent,  
a time to examine our hearts and our lives

**All: and journey with Christ through the suffering  
of the world.**

One: Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God

**All: and humble ourselves in God’s service.**

One: God has marked us as beloved dust  
and called us together to worship.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH MUSIC**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*(Silent Confession)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the season of Lent, O God, we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material wants for the good of our soul. Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain: if we are concerned with the good of the soul rather than the good of your people; if we have twisted this season of penitence into a reason for praise or judgement; if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God and free us to try again. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Pass the peace if able by posting a comment on the church's Facebook Page. If you are joining us for in-person worship, please remain seated and share signs of God's peace with those around you with prayer hands or a simple nod of the head.)*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

"The Season of Lent Begins"

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What does the Season of Lent mean to you?

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into**

**heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC                      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”                      Douglas Wagner  
Mark Cox, tuba

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Paul Burton, (father of Sabrina Burton), Demas family, Verna Russell, Bob Long (son-in-law of Connie and Don Holland), Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Joe Cavazos (Andrew Miller’s brothers father-in-law), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Linda Rose, Linnet Stevens, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Flushing Presbyterian, Flushing, MI, Korean Christian Church in Japan and the Commission on Ageing.

#### MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      “Fughetta”                                      John Zundel

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Mark Cox, Jim Bidwell and Andrew Miller

If you join us for in-person worship, please wear a mask, social distance, and use the hand sanitizing stations.

#### Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in a offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church’s website, [www@fpcmp.org](http://www@fpcmp.org) and hit the “Give Now” button or use the QR Code,



In-person worship will begin again for those who feel comfortable this Sunday, February 7. We ask that you wear a mask, social distant, and sit in family units.

Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

Ways to stay connected: phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send a card or note, pray with and for one another, join an Outreach Cluster.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.