

Fourth Sunday In Lent
March 11, 2018 10:00 AM

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Tower Bells

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

The Gathering

(The Worship Service begins with the prelude. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

R. Hobby

Call To Worship (from John 3:16) *(Please remain seated)*

One: For God so loved the world;

All: the sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.

One: For God so loved the world;

All: in success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.

One: For God so loved the world;

All: enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer new life for us.

One: For God so loved the world;

All: let us worship God!

Choral Introit

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Martin Luther (1483-1546)

***Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 376

Prayer of Confession *(Please Be Seated)*

Gracious God, we have the freedom to choose between alternatives. Often we hurt each other when we could hold each other. We let each other down when we could lift each other up. We neglect others when we could support others. We push them away when we could pull them close. We say, "We can't," when we could say, "We care." We destroy when we could build up. We prey on each other when we could pray for each other. God, forgive us, and redeem us from ourselves. In Christ we pray, amen.

***Personal Prayer of Confession** (In Silence)

***The Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri** (No. 579)

***The Peace**

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

(Greet those about you, sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9 (Blue Bible p. 134; Black Bible p. 139)

Choral Anthem

Jubilate Deo Peter Anglea (b. 1988)

Hymn "This Is the Day" *"This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.*

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made."

A Time For Children: "Jesus Loves Me" (No. 304) as children leave for Sunday School

New Testament Lesson John 3: 14-21 (Blue Bible p. 88; Black Bible p. 94)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Sermon Title:

"The World That God So Loves"

The Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

***Hymn**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

No. 434

***Affirmation of Faith**

O wind that sways no branches, fire that does not burn, unimaginable light that does not blind, fountain of life that has no end, infinite river of joy, flawless mirror of God's power, kind laughing agent of God's mirth, gentle consolation of God's mercy, O Holy Spirit of God, abide with your people; help us to remember that your church was born in wind and fire, not to sweep us heavenward like a lofty tower, but to guide us down the dusty roads of this world, so that we may lift up the downcast, heal the broken, reconcile what is lost, and bring peace amidst unrest. Amen!

Prayers of the People And Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Northern Lights, Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 339

Choral Meditation Babethandaza, arr Victor C. Johnson
(Trans = We are what we are because of prayer. Even our ancestors would pray.)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude When in Our Music God is Glorified R. Hobby

*(Those who are able may stand.)

Liturgist: Bill Bogardus
Music Team: Kim Palermo-Bogardus and Mary Mraz
Ushers: Bill and Nancy Kanz
Greeters: Fred and Jane Andrews

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Anne Leverich by her long line of loves.

For those worshiping with children under the age of 3, our downstairs Nursery is a clean, safe space and is staffed with a qualified and trained Nursery Care Giver. Ask an Usher or Greeter for instructions.

In Times Of illness or need, please inform the Church Staff. It is not safe to assume that they will hear of it any other way. Privacy laws make it difficult for us to "find you" in hospitals; in the event of a hospitalization, please give the information to Jan or Carol in the office (765-2597).

First Sunday for Food – please remember those in need by bringing non-perishable food to church with you on the First Sunday of each month.

Nomination Forms for the election of Church Officers are available in the Christian Education Building and Narthex of the Church.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
MON.,	5:30 PM	Zumba meets in C. E. Building
	7:00 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
TUES.,	10:00 AM	Prayer Group meets in the 1836 Manse
	12:30 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
	6:30 PM	North Fork Chorale
WED.,	11:00 AM	Ecumenical Lenten Service – St. Peter's Lutheran Church
	6:00 PM	Maureen's Haven
THURS.,	6:00 PM	Supper and 6:30 Romans Bible Study
FRI.,	6:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
SAT.,	10:30 AM	Women's AA Meeting
SUN.,	9:00 AM	Bible Talk – Jer. 31: 31-34; Ps. 51: 1-12 or Ps. 119: 9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

A New Flower Chart for 2018 has been posted in the Narthex of the Church. Please add your name and the name/s of the person you would like to memorialize. The cost is \$30.00 and flowers can be taken home after church or given to a shut-in.

Easter Flower Memorial Donations are now being received for Easter Flower Memorials. Send contributions to the Church Office with the name of the donor as well as the name(s) of the person in whose honor/ memory the gift is given. Deadline March 29th.

Web Manager to Assist NFSA

The North Fork Spanish Apostolate, an organization based in Riverhead and focused on helping immigrants and others in need on the East End of Long Island, is looking for part-time volunteer help with its website, facebook page and possibly other media. The NFSA has a website and a facebook page, but both need updating to add photos and events, now and then on a periodic basis every 2-6 weeks or so. In addition, if this web manager had other ideas for promoting the NFSA's online profile, these suggestions would be welcome and encouraged. Please let us know if you know of anyone who may have these basic web management skills and a bit of free time every few weeks to receive photos and upcoming events from the NFSA for posting online and possibly to suggest other ways to promote the NFSA. This is both a wonderful opportunity to help an organization performing important services for our East End communities and also valuable experience for someone trying to build up a resume. Feel free to reach out to Stewart Ross at stewross@yahoo.com for more information or with any suggestions.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Southold! Our identity can be seen in our most recent vision statement: *"We rejoice in the variety of talents, experience, and concerns each individual brings to this congregation through the Holy Spirit. We will gain strength from this diversity as we strive to be nurturing, relevant, and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ."* If you would like more information about our church, please indicate this in the Attendance Registration. Rev. Kelley or one of the members of the Church Growth Committee will be glad to speak with you.

Holy Week Schedule for First Presbyterian Church – Southold

Thursday, March 29th – **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service** 7:30 PM

(Including Holy Communion)

Friday, March 30th – **Good Friday**

12:00 – 1:00 PM An Informal Service of Meditation, Silence and Prayer

7:30 PM A Service of Meditation, Song and Prayer

Sunday, April 1st – **Easter Sunday**

Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service at Founder's Landing 6:30 AM

Easter Worship 10:00 AM