

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Detail of the upper part of the door way, main entrance, Vasakyrkan, Gothenburg, Sweden.

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude

*You Are Mine*

Haas

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Rice

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*) from “An Iona Prayer Book”

Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy, and water us with full streams

**from the riches of your grace and the springs of your kindness.**

Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;

**Kindle in us the fire of your love,**

and strengthen our weakness by your power

**As we become close to you and to each other. Amen!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

↑ Hymn 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

↓ Call to Confession: Have mercy, Christ, have mercy on all that trust in You, for You are God in glory to all eternity.

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O**

**God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn 71, refrain only *(together)*

***Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.***

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

**Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may live the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of Christ's power for those who believe in him. Amen.**

First Lesson: I Peter 2:1 - 10

<sup>1</sup>So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Gospel: John 14: 1 - 14

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Jesus is the Original, and Still the Best

↑ 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 sits 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn 352 *My Lord! What a Morning*

Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

↑ Doxology - Hymn 606 (*tune*)

*Praise God when face to face we see the one who died to set us free.*

*The one who rose in victory. Praise now forever Christ the King. Amen.*

↓ Prayers of the Church 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation

*Interlude No. 13*

Tate

Prayer after Communion.

↑ Hymn 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Benediction Response 248 *(together)* *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (vs 2)*

***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.***

***Walk with gladness in the morning,***

***See what love can do and dare.***

***Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.***

***Jesus is our strong companion, Joy and peace shall never end.***

Postlude

*To God Be the Glory*

Doane/Shackley



**Prayer Concerns**

Family and Friends of Cindy Constien; Garrett Holcomb; Bill & Pat Sharp; Friends and Family of Pastor Mark Cooper; Gene Bailey; Karla Hoffman; Mason Fenton (improved after brain tumor surgery but loss of vision); Friends and Family of Harold Douglass; Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Linda Holcomb’s sisters, Lois & Carol; Linda Holcomb’s neighbor Matt Wammes; Betty Layton’s

friend, Sue; Gerry, Gwen’s like-a-cousin since childhood, recent ALS diagnosis plus brain aneurysms, Justine Torres family in their grief.

**This Week at Firelands**

<b>Today 5/3</b>	9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Ed Carlson (reader), and Dave and Janet Moore (Communion servers)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am - 1:00pm Sewing Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Dulcimer Group 6:00pm - 8:30pm - Power Squadron Boating Course
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 10:30am - Exploring our Faith Together
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service 12:00 - Mulch Delivery
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Next Sunday 5/10</b>	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Don Dewald (reader), and Sally & David Walters (Communion servers)