

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025, 10:00 am

✠ We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. Victor Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

based on Psalm 31:3

God is our rock and our fortress;
May God lead us and guide us
through these forty days in the wilderness.

Call to Worship

As people formed by God, we give praise to God:
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

As people restored by God, we give praise to God:
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

Gathering Prayer

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing,
dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we
thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ Hymn 388

Come All You People

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker; come now and worship the Lord.*

✠ Call to Confession

Liturgist: Mary Ann Casey

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess how hard it is to be your people, your church. You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit. Renew our strength and revive our energy. Help us to answer your call to go where you send us, so that all may know your love through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior . . . silent prayer . . . Amen.

✠ Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy

Hymn 577

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

✠Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice in the good news:

God sends us out, forgiven and anointed through the love of Jesus Christ.

**Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!**

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

Hebrew Lesson: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

p. 823 in the pew Bible

Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 126*

p. 704 in the pew Bible

Hymn 70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? (Repeat)
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. (Repeat)
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God. (Repeat)

Gospel Lesson: *John 12:1-8*

p. 129 in the pew Bible

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon
Rowe

Anointed and Sent Out

Jen

Faith Formation Coordinator

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

from First Presbyterian & Trinity Church in South Orange, NJ

I believe in the living God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe through infinite power and redeeming love. I believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Lord of Life. Because of His words and works, His way with others, His use of suffering, His conquest of death, I know what life ought to be and what God is like. I believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, in the sacraments, in the fellowship of the church in its diversity, and in all we do.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the hymnal

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

Presentation of Offerings

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be placed in the plates at the Sanctuary entrance. We also give thanks to God for offerings given via mail and online at fredericksburgpc.org/give.

✠Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING

✠Hymn 686

God of Our Life

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. Victor Labenske
As we depart, you may choose to receive a blessing and anointing on your forehead or hand just outside the Sanctuary doors or at the outdoor elevator door. God sends you out to make all things new! Thanks be to God!



The additional arrangements during the season of Lent remind us of our wilderness journey.

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk
Ushers: Steve Davis, Paul Kukla
Elevator Assistant: Kaden Yealy
Sanctuary Guild: Mike and Michelle Gibson
Videographer: Kristen Betsill, Ed Foresman

Church Family News

We pray for: Jack Deaderick (Caroline Deaderick's grandson), Jerry Zekert

We continue to pray for: Earl Stroup

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we give thanks for the life of Lenoir Garnett who died March 30, 2025. We extend Christian sympathy to her husband Richard Garnett and the Garnett family.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Mary Lou Cramer on the death of her sister, Sally Doerner, who died on March 26, 2025.

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