




*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.
**Those who are able, please stand*

 **Prelude** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Johann Sebastian Bach

 **Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Dr. Sue Coller
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

 **Choral Introit** "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Brian Pfofner


 **Call to Worship** Paul Smith


One: We gather in this place to worship our God:
All: calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.
 One: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:
All: Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.
 One: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:
All: the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

 **** Hymn #53** "O God, Who Gives us Life" NOEL

 **Call to Reconciliation**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Prayer of Confession**
 Creator God, You made the world, and sometimes it feels like a scary place. Things we have trusted in fall away. The uncertainty of the future makes us anxious. We let our fears color our view of other people. We are even victims of other people's fears. Forgive our lack of faith. Give us courage to live joyfully, with trust in you, so that we may be bearers of hope into the world, and have confidence in the new future you are inviting us to live into. In the name of Christ, who joins us on this journey of life, we pray. Amen.

 **Assurance of Forgiveness**
 One: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.
All: Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God!

Mission Statement:
First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

<i>We praise God through worship</i>	<i>We strengthen faith through study</i>
<i>We live our beliefs through mission</i>	<i>We nurture a diverse community</i>

**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.



**Song of Joy #490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”
(Verse 3 Only)

BEACH SPRING

*O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God transform!*



Prayer for Illumination



Scripture

Isaiah 43:18-19
(Pg. 197)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Special Music

“The Glory of These Forty Days”
Chancel Choir, with Clark Potter, violin

arr. Alfred Fedak

*The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting, Moses saw the loving God who gave the Law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.*



Scripture

Mark 4:35-41
(Pg. 208-209)

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller



Sermon

Why are You Afraid?



Hymn #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS



The Offering

*Please text **MissionPossible** to 73256 to give by text
Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate*



Offertory

“Larghetto Religioso”
Clark Potter, viola; Christopher Marks, organ

Oskar Wermann



**Hymn of Dedication

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

*All are welcome to share the feast of communion.
Christ welcomed all who came – and so do we.*



Invitation

One: May the Calmer of our storms be with you!

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts, all whose fears threaten you.

All: **We open our hearts that God might touch them with peace.**

One: People of faith, join in glad songs to the One who is with you.

All: **Our voices join in praise and thanksgiving to God.**



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Words of Institution



Sharing the Gifts

*Please eat the bread and drink the cup as they are passed through the pews. Bread is gluten and corn free.
Welch's Grape Juice is served in the cups.*



Communion Music

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

George Frideric Handel



Prayer of Sending – 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 #292

“As The Wind Song”

WAIKUA TAPU



**** Charge and Benediction**

One: Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

All: Let us go to the far side of despair, bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.

One: Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

All: Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives, bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.

One: Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

All: Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide, crying out to all, "Peace! Be still, wars and terrors!"

One: and I know you will, for you are

All: The Salt of the Earth

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World

One: You are ...

All: The People of God

One: And God goes with you.



Postlude

Sonata in F Major, Scherzo
Clark Potter, viola; Christopher Marks, organ

Marco Anzoletti

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
to celebrate the birthday of Marilyn Coad
from Steve and Terri Sherman.*

Call to Worship, Assurance of Forgiveness & Charge © Thom Shuman

Please join us in the East Entrance for
coffee and treats provided by the Diedrichsen Family.

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