

Huguenot Memorial Church

March 22nd, 2020 • 10:00 A.M. • Lent 4

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. - Deuteronomy 31:6

PRELUDE "Adagio in E minor" F. Francoeur (1698-1787)

INTROIT "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 22)

O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

For you did not despise or abhor my affliction; you did not hide your face from me.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

ANTHEM "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Spiritual

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we enter challenging times in our lives, we believe that God has failed us. When God doesn't relieve us of loss or death we despair of God and question God's presence and care. The truth is we are the ones who have turned away from the Lord. Through God, though, we can be renewed, restored to real life even in the midst of our challenges. Let us confess our sins before the Lord. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Lord Jesus, when you suffered and died on the cross, why is it that we imagine you might show your love for us more completely by taking away our own losses? Why is it that we always look at the pleasantness of our days as a sign of your love for us? Forgive us as we turn away from you on the cross. Forgive us as we, a people of limited understanding into your ways, try to create a loving God made in our own image and fail to appreciate how you came and suffered and died that we might never feel alone or abandoned. Forgive us and restore our minds to the hope of your unwavering love. These things we pray humbly in your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

GLORIA PATRI *sung response*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *City Dog, Country Frog* authored by Mo Willems

ANTHEM "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee" Simon Lole (b. 1957)
12th century Latin text, tr. Edward Caswall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER – PSALM 23 REFRAIN: "**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**"
(Cantor 1 time, 2nd time, choir and congregation)

VERSE: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me he refreshes my soul.

REFRAIN

VERSE: He guides me in rights paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and staff that give me courage.

REFRAIN

VERSE: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

REFRAIN

VERSE: Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:45-49 (Pew Bible, page 908)

SERMON *The Seven Last Words: My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Edinburgh)*

When we speak of God's grace, we think of God as revealed in God's Son Jesus Christ. The meaning of divine grace is truly known only to those who know that God is Love, and that all that God does is done in love in fulfillment of God's righteous purposes. God's grace is manifested in our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all in our redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, in the fellowship of the Church and in the gift of the Word and Sacraments. Our salvation and welfare have their source in God alone, who is moved to gracious activity towards us not by any merit on our part, but solely by God's free, outgoing love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

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.

ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Southern Folk Melody; text, Isaac Watts (1719)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Sevenfold Amen" R. Farrant (1530-1580)

POSTLUDE "Fugue in G minor" (from Well-Tempered Clavier) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY'S WORSHIP

FLOWERS

Flowers this Sunday are dedicated to the Glory of God.

MUSIC NOTES

We thank Claire Kuttler, Katy Lindhart, Dan Curran and Adrian Rosas for their music today.

HUGUENOT PRAYS

Please join as a community in lifting up the following people and situations to God in prayer:

Homebound –Henry Hayes, Jean Hardy

Healing – Larry Jones, John Wines, Martha Sterner, Dr. Elliot Strong, James Ingram, Twig Hayes, Alison Pinsley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUGUENOT CARES

During this time of pandemic and isolation your Pastor and Deacons are available for pastoral care or to assist you with daily needs. Feel free to contact Pastor Paul (email and cell phone listed below) or your assigned Deacon. If you are unsure who that Deacon is please contact Tia Parrish to get your person and their contact information: info@huguenotchurch.org.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Sign Up for Our Daily Devotional: First Things – Every week day (Monday through Thursday with Pastor Paul and every Friday with Kathy Jones) we send out a staff-prepared daily devotional to give something of faith to think about in our new day. If you or someone you know could benefit from some daily encouragement please email Tia Parrish to sign-up: info@huguenotchurch.org. The devotional is not just for Huguenot members, but for all who would like to receive it.

CHURCH STAFF

Staff members are receiving communications. To reach a staff person you can use their established emails or published cell phone numbers listed below in the Staff Contacts section.

CALENDAR AND CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Attended worship services are postponed today and for the next 2 weeks: March 29 and April 5. This coming Tuesday your Session will meet electronically to assess our closing and our ministries. It is becoming less and less likely that we will be able to worship together for Easter Sunday, April 12, but we are watching the emergency declarations and closings and will advise you when a decision has been reached. All committee meetings and church events are cancelled until further notice.

CHURCH INFORMATION

STAFF CONTACTS

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HUGUENOT MEMORIAL CHURCH PURPOSE STATEMENT

Making Music
Urging Unity
Sharing Supper
Inviting Ideas
Celebrating Community

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request please contact Sylvia Hazelhurst (914)-447-4063, sph55@hotmail.com. If you are in need of pastoral care or have to need to reach the pastors numbers listed above.

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