

First Presbyterian Church

121 S. Harrison Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602-2193

Special livestream service in collaboration with Countryside Trinity and Second Presbyterian Churches

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 10:30 A.M.

"Soli Deo Gloria" – "To God Alone The Glory"

Fifth Sunday in Lent

-----ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME-----

WELCOME, GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Adam Engel)

PRELUDE

Consolation No. 3 in D-flat Major, S. 172

by Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

featuring Andrew Glynn, Organist and Pianist at Countryside Trinity Church

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adam Engel)

HYMN NO. 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Pastor Brant Piper)

Short opening collect, then silent time of confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Pastor Brant Piper)

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Adam Engel)

Short intercessions with time for silent reflection

ANTHEM "In This Very Room" by Ron and Carol Harris, featuring Peggy Knutson, soprano, Michael Wechter (Director of Music at Second Presbyterian Church), piano

PSALM FOR THE DAY—Psalm 130 (Pastor Brant Piper)
As found in hymn #424, Out of the Depths, from the Glory to God Hymnal

SCRIPTURE—Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

SERMON (Pastor Ted McCulloch) "Mom Was Right"

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, Part II, Section A.1

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to all commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that we see the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Through It All" by Andraé Crouch (1942-2015) featuring Erin Whitfield, soprano Andrew Glynn, Organist and Pianist at Countryside Trinity Church

OFFERING OF GIFTS (Pastor Brant Piper)

OFFERTORY

"Meditation on the First Prelude by J.S. Bach" by Charles Gounod featuring Emi Wechter, flute, Michael Wechter (Director of Music at Second Presbyterian Church), piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Pastor Brant Piper)

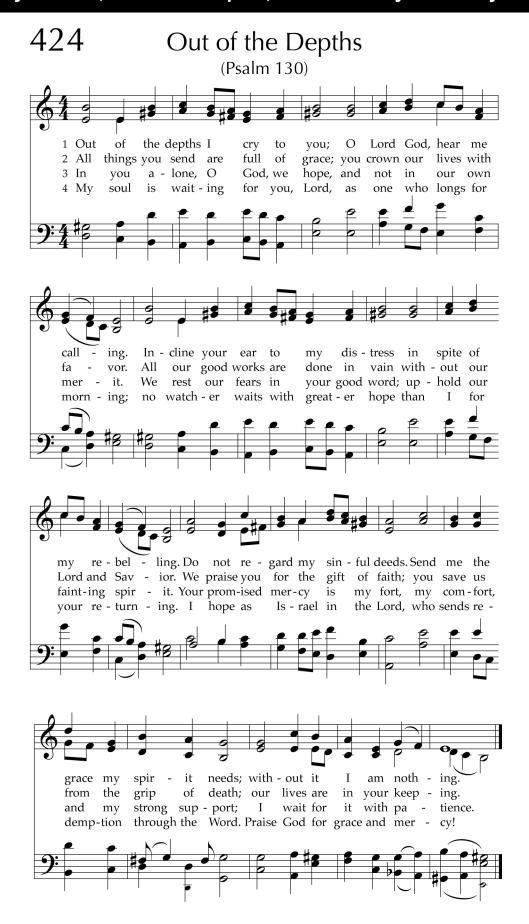
HYMN NO. 315 "In The Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS

BENEDICTION (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

POSTLUDE Allegro meastoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2 in C minor, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), featuring Collin Whitfield (Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church), organ



The Psalm for this morning will be a reading of Psalm 130 as found in Hymn #424, Out of the Depths, from the Glory to God Hymnal



315 In the Midst of New Dimensions the midst 1 In of new di - men-sions, the face in 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions, 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -4 We are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, are man and we 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause with us to the will lead pil - grim peo - ples chang - ing ways, who who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? and de spair, seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion, draw your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it pain, may Refrain wan-dering in their sep - arate ways? Who will light the flame of care? dreams. God of rain-bow, fi - ery pil - lar, might en - vi - sion wid - er a love song to be sung. res - ur - rect the church a gain. lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.



One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations, and provides us a way to come together to share God's love with our neighbors in need. The offering will be collected now through Easter (April 12) and will be divided equally between the Lake Huron Presbytery and Hidden Harvest. Located on E. Genesee in Downtown Saginaw, Hidden Harvest has been helping our Ecumenical Food Pantry for many years, and operates totally on grants and donations. The Presbytery portion goes to assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities, sharing resources, and changing lives. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

You shall be called repairers of the breach—ISAIAH 58
Sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.