

This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville".

The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing at

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>.

FPC Morning Worship

March 16, 2025

10:30am

**We are wholly inclusive, growing together in Christ through creativity and friendship.
We lift up the vulnerable as God's love brings us together.**

Prelude: *"An Irish Medley"*

Arr. Jason Krug
Merry Ringers

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, **people**)

Jacqui Busch

From the PCUSA Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor
of healing the enmities
which separate us
from God and from each other.**

***Hymn #796:** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (leader, people)

God will not deny an open heart or a repentant spirit.
Know that you are forgiven and walk in God's love.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)**

(Children may come forward now for the children's message)

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

(Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship)

Call to the Word: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Prayer for Illumination

Jacqui Busch

Gracious God, who leads us in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days. Holy Spirit, minister to us so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 31:43-50

Jacqui Busch

⁴³ Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children whom they have borne? ⁴⁴ Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between you and me." ⁴⁵ So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. ⁴⁶ And Jacob said to his kinsfolk, "Gather stones," and they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap. ⁴⁷ Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. ⁴⁸ Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." Therefore he called it Galeed ⁴⁹ and the pillar Mizpah, for he said, "The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. ⁵⁰ If you ill-treat my daughters or if you take wives in addition to my daughters, though no one else is with us, remember that God is witness between you and me."

Reading: Luke 8:43-48

Jacqui Busch

⁴³ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I noticed that power had gone out from me." ⁴⁷ When the woman realized that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

***Hymn #178:** “The Woman Hiding in the Crowd”

Offering Prayer

Let us praise God, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things, and let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory: “*Jesus , Lover of My Soul*”

J. Martin

***Doxology (Hymn #608)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder: Doug Walker

Joys and Concerns

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.

***Hymn #543:** “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

***Benediction**

Postlude: “*Jesus Paid It All*”

by Nifong, Hall, Grape
Praise Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hymn #796: "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

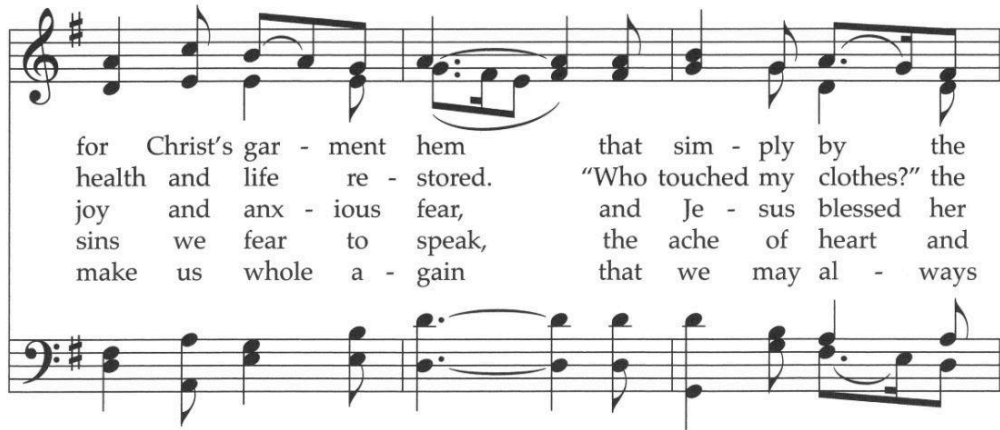
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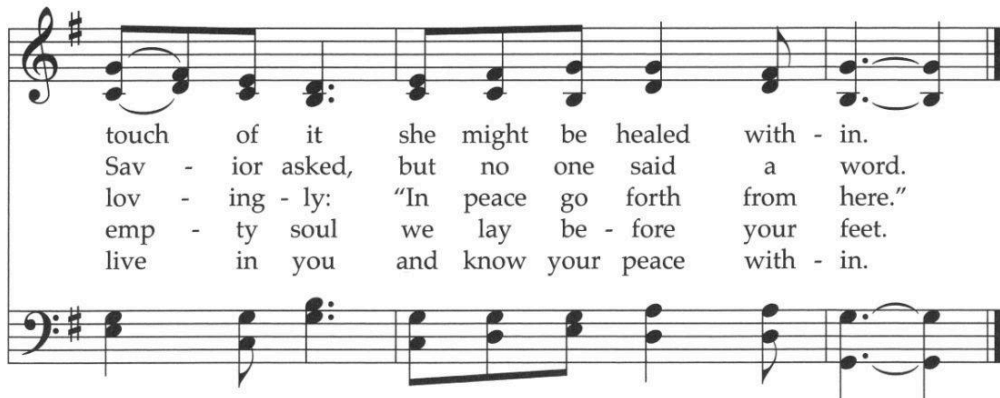
Hymn #178: "The Woman Hiding in the Crowd"



1 The wom - an hid - ing in the crowd reached
 2 From Christ went forth the heal - ing grace, her
 3 The wom - an knelt be - fore him then with
 4 The bur - dens now that weigh us down, the
 5 So touch us, Lord, with heal - ing grace and



for Christ's gar - ment hem that sim - ply by the
 health and life re - stored. "Who touched my clothes?" the
 joy and anx - ious fear, and Je - sus blessed her
 sins we fear to speak, the ache of heart and
 make us whole a - gain that we may al - ways



touch of it she might be healed with - in.
 Sav - ior asked, but no one said a word.
 lov - ing - ly: "In peace go forth from here."
 emp - ty soul we lay be - fore your feet.
 live in you and know your peace with - in.

The first three stanzas are based on the story of Christ's healing of a woman with an internal hemorrhage (Mark 5:24b-34/Luke 8:42b-48). By expanding and applying this event, the final two stanzas provide a helpful model of how scripture can be related to our own lives.

TEXT: J. Dudley Weaver Jr., 2008
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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SIMMONS
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Hymn #543: “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”). Many such petitions for God’s presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER
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Dear God, artist of souls,
 you sculpted a people for yourself
 out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
 Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
 that the discipline of these forty days
 may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
 and whet our thirst for the living water you offer
 through Jesus Christ. Amen.

EASTER FLOWERS

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Easter - and everyone has a chance to share in it! The Worship and Music Committee encourages everyone to consider ordering a plant or plants to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Easter flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Orders are also being accepted from those who just want to make our worship space beautiful for Easter and then take the plant home to enjoy!

The cost for each plant is \$9.00.

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the Church office **by Sunday, March 30th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of daffodils (6" pot) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

Number of tulips (5 & 6 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

TOTAL COST: _____



**All flowers need to be picked up after the
Easter service on Sunday, April 20th.**



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