



The Digital Fast: 40 Days of Space for God

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

For forty days and nights the rain fell,
and the waters covered the face
of the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain,
learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered,
seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness
to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days
and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

* Processional Song *Hosanna*
Deborah D. Smith | Michael W. Smith

* Confession of Sin

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek
and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have wandered
from your way and become lost
in the wilderness of days and years.**

**We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure
when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice,
squandered time, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins.
Return us to paths of righteousness and love
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Paul M. Vasile

Proclamation of the Word

Baptism

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 19:28-34

Scripture: Luke 19:35-43

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith Dr. Randy Kirby
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from**

**thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Praise Team
Hosanna (Selah)
Brooke Fraser

* Doxology *Doxology (God Be Praised)*
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

"The body of Christ, given for you."

"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Music during Communion

Remembrance (The Communion Song)
Matt Maher | Matt Redman

You are invited to sing as Communion is served.

* Prayer after Communion

Sending to share the Word

* Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*
Billy J. Foote

* Benediction

Jesus enters into Jerusalem
riding a humble donkey.

**Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

What will this messiah king bring?

**Peace on earth and glory
in the highest heaven!**

Then, the assembly rose
and brought Jesus before Pilate, saying:

**We found this man undermining
our law and order
and saying that he is the Messiah, a king.**

Then Pilate said to the crowds,
"Do you want me to release for you
the King of the Jews?"

**He stirs up the people with his teaching
and disturbs the peace everywhere.**

I have not found this man guilty
of any charges against him.

Away with this fellow!

Release Barabbas for us!

Then what do you wish me to do
with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Crucify, crucify him!

Why? What evil has he done?

Crucify him! Crucify him!

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers. Children are always welcome in worship. However, if your little one needs some time to wiggle or play, a nursery is available for children 4 and younger. Please see an usher for more information.

Communion: The living Christ encounters us in the ordinary elements of Communion. Christ extends the invitation to the Lord's Supper and is open to all – believers and doubters, young children and adults, members and non-members. To highlight this gracious welcome, only non-alcoholic juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available. If you would like to refrain from the feast, you may cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered. If you cannot come forward, a minister will serve you in your seat. If you feel so moved to respond, people often reply with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Hunter Thomas (Steve and Donna Thomas's grandson), Hank Chavis (Kathy Sanborn's grandson), Kenneth Alexander (Libby Fowler's son-in-law)

Bill and Felicia Hoyle on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Santiago Meneses.

Eleanor Sandifer on the death of her sister, Jane Turner, on April 5.

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Fred Aggers, Bill Baker, Melanie Sink Bailey, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Richard Hudson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Reba Parsons, Dottie Thomason, Ebbie Whisenant, Sharon Whittington, Gerhard Wolf

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Teresa Williams, Harold Mesimer, Tim Smith, Glenna Todd, John Harrington, Carley Drye, George Damtey, Fletcher Busby, Vick Bost, Sharon Whittington, Evelyn Mead, Robert Ogden, Mike Farris

Anniversaries: Chris and Paula Mead, Colin and Cindy Dailey

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving and celebration of the marriage of Santiago Meneses and Sarah Stewart Hoyle, daughter of Revs. William and Felicia Stewart Hoyle.

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Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



MISSION PRIORITIES
Spirit-Centered Discipleship Hands-On Local Mission
Friendships Across Differences Embracing the Unchurched

