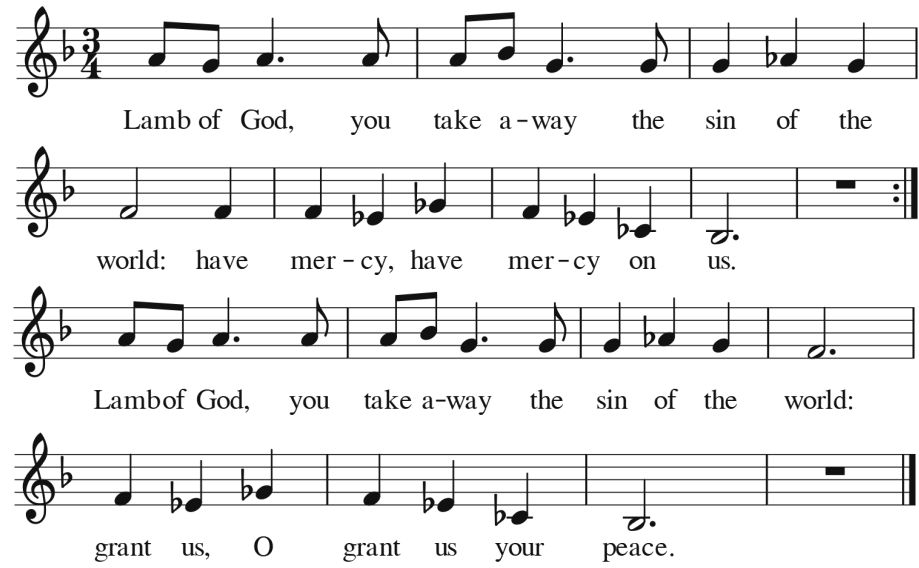


ASSURANCE OF PARDON.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world: have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
 grant us, O grant us your peace.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

* PEACE RESPONSE: *to the tune of "My Lord, What a Morning!"*
Peace be with my sisters. Peace be with my brothers.
Oh, peace be with all people, for we all need peace at last,
for we all need peace at last.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Children who want to go to the Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4), and all children should be picked up at their rooms following the service.

* HYMN #183: "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" *Austin*

CALL TO MISSION: Deacon's Student Awards Deacon Tom Owens

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 3: 4b-14 p. 198 NT

THE GOSPEL: John 12: 1-8 p. 106 NT

One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

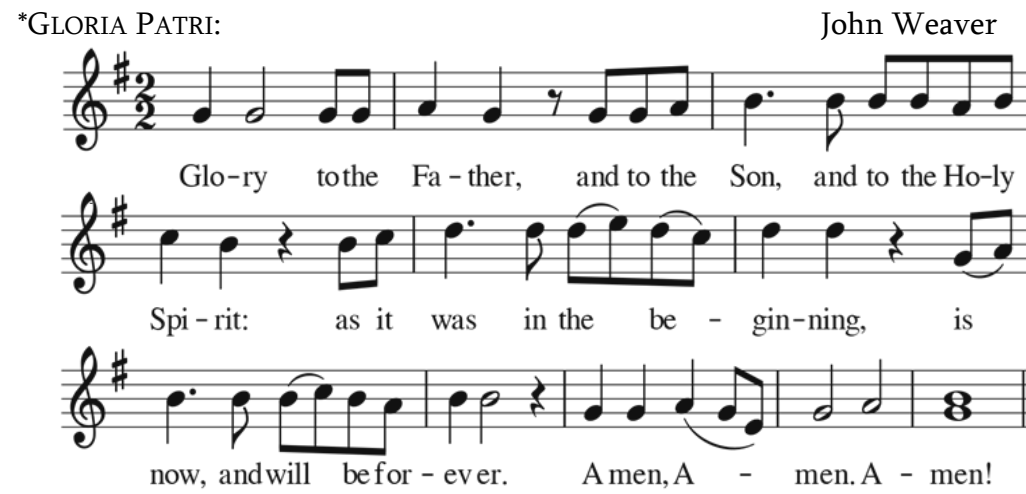
ANTHEM: "A Lenten Prayer" David Ashley White

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; Renew your image in our hearts, And all our sins remove.	O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r: From fruitless fear unfurl our lives Like springtime bud and flow'r.
Bring us, O Christ, To share the fullness of your joy; Baptize us in the risen life That death cannot destroy.	Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, May see you face to face.

THE MESSAGE: "Something Good"

"Jesus said, 'Leave her alone.'" - John 18: 7a

*GLORIA PATRI: John Weaver



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
 Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is
 now, and will be for- ever. Amen, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

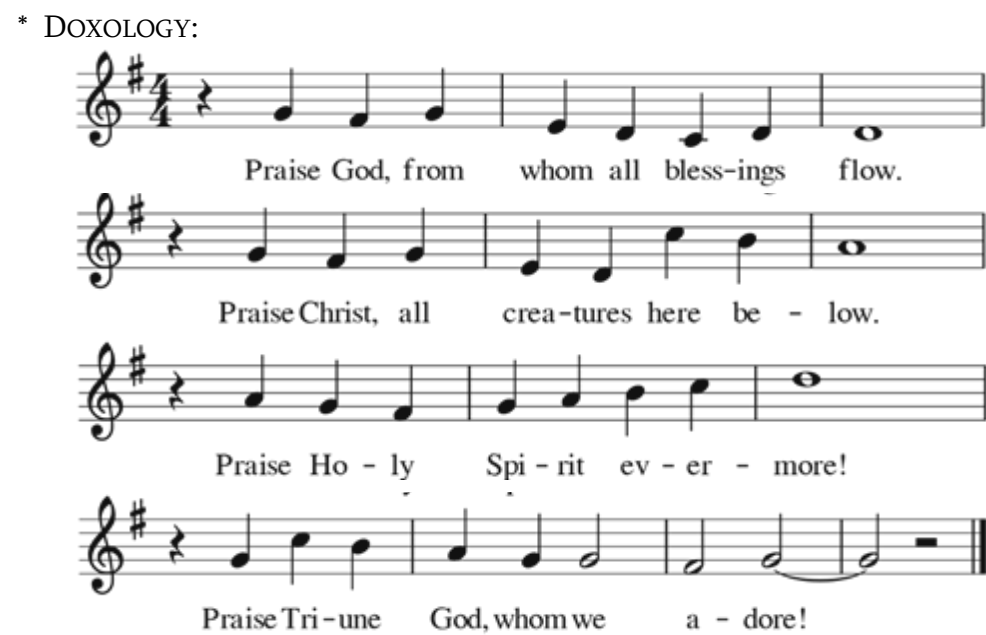
* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: *1 Timothy 6: 18-19*

One: We are called to be generous and ready to share;
All: thus taking hold of that which is truly life.

OFFERTORY: "Ashokan Farewell" Roy Colle, Reader
 Sara Carpenter, piano; Kirianne Weaver, violin

The "Ashokan Farewell" was composed by Jay Ungar for Ken Burns' documentary on the Civil War. Used throughout the filming, it has become especially known paired with the "Sullivan Ballou letter" Roy reads today. The letter was written a week before the Battle of Bull Run, in which Sullivan Ballou was killed in battle.

* DOXOLOGY:



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow.
 Praise Christ, all crea-tures here be - low.
 Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more!
 Praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from the Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to us commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. Amen.

* HYMN #495: "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" *Adoro Te Devote*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, taking a piece of bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 #215: "What Wondrous Love Is This" *Wondrous Love*

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout

*Join us after the service for coffee, cookies
and fellowship time in the Narthex!*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **During Lent**, Children will receive communion upstairs in their classrooms. If you would like your child to receive communion with you in the sanctuary, you are welcome to sign them out of Sunday School early.
- **Today we welcome our fill-in organist Jamie Decker:** Jamie is a 19yr old pianist/organist from St. Louis, MO who is currently studying piano performance at Ithaca College with Dmitri Novgorodsky. He is a collaborative musician as a soloist, seeking out as many different musical outlets as possible, and enjoys spending his life becoming more familiar each day with the many sides of classical repertoire.
- **Today in Fellowship Time:** Register for Wednesday's dinner, ask Mylika or Kirianne about Triennium in July, or sign up to be in the Church Directory! More info about all of these below!
- **Today in Adult Education - "Lent through the Lens of Luke- Part 4"** In our last week of this Bible study we will spend time with some of the most powerful verses in the Gospel. We will sit at the last supper, hear Jesus's pain in Gethsemane, watch him be arrested, and hear Peter's denials of him. Join us as we continue to prepare for the joy of Easter. All are welcome!
- **Tai Chi Tuesdays:** Join leader Maurice Haltom and church friends for free Tai Chi in the narthex: starting Tuesday and every week there after at 6:30pm. Enter though the Park door.

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

Our ushers today are:

Rick Vaughan head, with Judy Vaughan,
Deb Streeter, and Tom Owens

Today's flowers are given

in loving memory of Waldo Van Epps, by Heather Lane.

We hold in our prayers:

David Brown; Jennifer Carlson;
Harris Faulkner; Will Lloyd, Jeff Lovell;
Vivian and Jim Russell; and Marj Smart.

- **Lenten Small Group Zoom gathering on Tuesdays:** This week's Lenten Small Group will meet at 7:00 Tuesday. Contact Susan Van Sickle or Beth Patton if you are interested in joining (stvansickle@aol.com or e_patton@icloud.com)
- **Next Week in Adult Education:** Denice Peter Karamardian will share the topic of her ODAR Trilogy (published 2024), which depicts the immigration journey of her ancestors out of Syria over a century ago, who settled in Ithaca and elsewhere, through two world wars and generations, and the demise of those left behind. She hopes the discussion will cover immigration patterns, past and present, and what to learn from the true story of her "Jido," (who was a member of this congregation). Note "Odar" means "other" in Armenian; "Jido" means "grandfather" in Arabic.
- **Triennium in July:** Any youth or young adult 8th grade to age 24 interested in attending the PCUSA gathering of youth from all over the USA, please email mylika.fpci@gmail.com for more information.
- **Open Doors English Film Screening and Open House:** Come celebrate local immigrants on Sunday, April 13th from 4-5pm for the first screening of a brand new, short documentary about Open Doors English- their work and their impact. This event is free, open to the public and will include coffee and snacks. The film will begin at 4:15, followed by a Q+A and a student lead open house.
- **Sunday School, April 20:** Sunday School WILL be held as usual. Parents should come upstairs to sign their children out immediately after worship.
- **Easter Egg Hunt: April 20:** Children will participate in an egg hunt immediately after children's time when they join their teachers for Sunday School. If guardians wish to participate or observe their children as they hunt for eggs, please join us upstairs.

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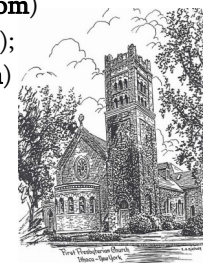
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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed. You can view services on our website.

Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.

PRELUDE: "Prière et berceuse" A. Guilmant

WELCOME Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 3* Liturgist: Elder Sylvia Reeves

One: O Lord, how many are our foes;

All: **many are rising against us.**

One: Many are saying to us:

All: **"You will find no help for you in your God."**

One: But you, O Lord, are a shield around us!

All: **You are our glory, and the one who lifts up our heads.**

One: We cry aloud to you, and you answer us,

All: **from atop the height of your holy hill!**

One: We lie down and sleep in you;

All: **we awaken again, and you have sustained us.**

One: We are not afraid of ten thousands of people,

All: **though they set themselves all around us;**

One: for deliverance is yours, O Lord,

All: **and your blessings of goodness are with your people.**

* HYMN #209: "My Song Is Love Unknown" John Ireland

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver

Most merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name...

...A time for silent confession.