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An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail or PayPal a donation.

We affirm our faith together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

Benediction is a fancy word for blessing.

Worship Notes
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules. He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love. He chose to see the best in others. We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith. So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others. With God's help, Christ's Light, and the Holy Spirit's Welcome Table, Amen.

*HYMN NO. 726 *The Summons*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor, The Rev. Holly Clark-Porter
Director of Music, Lily Li
Childcare Staff: Reece Lehnen
Liturgist, Cori Coia
Fred Kids teacher, Audrey Divine

Clerk of Session, Rey Spangler

Session: Carol Calarco, Cori Coia
Rey Spangler, Ned Divine,
Trish Lehnen

Response Team: Ned Divine, Rey
Spangler, and Carol Calarco

Deacon of the Month for April
Melissa Chwojdak

ALL ARE WELCOME to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to bring in refreshments for any future Sunday. There are instructions for making the coffee and store bought cookies are always a hit.

As a reminder, we're no longer putting an "insert" of announcements in all the bulletins. A handful can be found in our lobby or on our Worship & Spirituality page. This insert includes our prayer list.

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FREDONIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent and Girl Scout Sunday



Building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place! --Girl Scouts



[MERCY]
& **righteousness**

Zaccheus artwork by Lauren Wright Pittman

Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folk, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

Reformed worship centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation in one voice.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

GATHER

PRELUDE - Lily Li

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Rev. Holly

CHORAL INTROIT #643 *Now Thank We All Our God* - The Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Liturgist, Cori Coia

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

All: We long for community. We long for the Holy.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

All: We need connection. We need moral reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

All: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the messy middle!

*HYMN NO. 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.

GIRL SCOUT PROMISE Troop 20132

Cadets: Natalie, Maria, Dalilah

Juniors: Alivia, Juniper, Kyra, Kyleigh, Genevieve

Brownie: Sadie

Troop Leaders: Laura, Danielle

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, bless our offerings as we promise that we will do our best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sibling to everyone. Amen.

HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; *praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. **Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God)

Scripture: Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

Our Choir: Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

The Lord's Prayer: We use "debts and debtors" in the Lord's Prayer. If you're more comfortable with the "trespass" language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to "Amen" together.

Communion: Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God's people say,

All: Amen

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hymn No. 314 *Christ Be Our Light* 1-5

WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW TEXT: Isaiah 43:16-21

CHORAL ANTHEM

MOMENT WITH GOD'S YOUNG DISCIPLES

After this time, children 3-12 are invited to attend Fred Kids! a time for faith-formation and fun.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

ENGAGE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our god.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Great Prayer continues)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE