



FAIRMOUNT

PRESBYTERIAN Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024
11:00 AM



Prelude

Fanfare
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Kenneth Leighton
arr. Michael Burkhardt

I. Grounded in God's Presence

Statio

Our "Holy Pause," a period of silent centering,
gathering as one body with one spirit.

**Call To Worship*

God stirs my soul.

In the morning, life-giving breath fills my lungs.

God stills my spirit.

In the evening, the calm of the night flows through my body.

With every tender breath, I am reminded of God's hoping, yearning, and dreaming
That I grow into all I am intended to become.

***Processional Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

Prayer of Lament and Confession

We have lost our way. We have turned and been turned away from God's intentions and hopes for humanity. We have brought pain upon my body, your body our bodies.

God weeps with and for me, with and for you, with and for us.

As we embolden violence upon bodies:

who bear darker skin; who go unheard;

who believe differently; who love who they love;

who are deemed weak; who are silenced;

who are unarmed; who are not in control;

who broaden gender; who are gifted to our care;

who are the enemy; who are different;

God weeps.

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are Forgiven. We are Forgiven. Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.

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Passing of the Peace

II. Inspired by God's Story

Time for Young Disciples

Scripture Reading I

Mark 11:7-11a; 15-18

Scripture Reading II

Mark 12:14-17

Sermon

Jesus: Prophet, Activist, Agitator

"I choose to believe in grace made real through Jesus Christ. I am grateful for Jesus, the prophet, activist, and agitator, who speaks God's hopes, intentions, and truth into the world. Grateful for the unpretentious life of Christ, the teacher and friend. Grateful for the revelatory death of Christ, the offender and threat. And grateful for the promised resurrection of Christ, the seeker and solace. For in the life, death, and resurrection of the one called Christ, we are reconnected to God, reunited with the saints, loved for eternity, and promised that one day there will be a new heaven and new earth.

- Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow

III. Grateful for God's Grace

***Hymn #223 (HAMBURG) and #224 (ROCKINGHAM) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**
Stanzas 1 & 2 #223; Stanzas 3 & 4 #224

*An opportunity to explore how a familiar text is painted using different tunes.
Which tune speaks to you?*

Choosing Faith: Why did Jesus die?

Call to Generosity

Offertory

The Processional to Calvary (Crucifixion)

Sir John Stainer

(Refrain) Fling wide the gates, for the Saviour waits to tread in His royal way. He has come from above in His power and love, to die on this Passion Day.

His cross is the sign of the love divine, his crown is the thorn-wreath of woe, he bears his load on the sorrowful road and bends 'neath the burden low. (Refrain) How sweet is the grace of his scared face? And lovely beyond compare? Though weary and worn with the merciless scorn of a world He has come to spare. The burden of wrong that earth bears along, past evil and evil to be. The sins of all since the world began, they are laid, dear Lord, on Thee. Then on to the end, My God and my Friend, with Thy banner lifted high! Thou art come from above in Thy power and love, to endure and suffer and die. Fling wide the gates! He waits! The Saviour waits! Then on to the end, my God and my friend, to suffer, endure, and die.

Doxology (Hymn 608) and Prayer of Dedication

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

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Our Beloved Creator,

who lives in the eternal, your name is Love.

May love rule our hearts,

here and now, as it will in the eternal.

Give us the gift of "enough" today,

**release us from our burdens and lead us back to you,
that we may liberate others by our love.**

**Protect our hearts from other desires,
and rescue us from suffering. Amen.**

IV. Sent to Love God's Creation

*Hymn 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God my Rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

*The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Patty Forsberg in loving remembrance
of her marriage to Charlie at Fairmount in March of 1964.*

Participating in Worship

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis
Rev. Ryan Wallace
Jim Riggs
The Fairmount Choir
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Worship Notes

- Today's Call to Worship, Prayer of Lament and Confession, and Charge and Blessing come from *Everything Good about God Is True*, by Bruce Reyes-Chow.
- The Prayer of Jesus that we're using this Lent is a translation of Matthew 6:9-13, translated by Rev. Ryan Wallace.
- Today, Palm Sunday, March 24th, Care Council will arrange for flowers to be taken to Fairmounters unable to be with us in worship. We need people to help deliver flowers. Please stop by in Andersen Hall after today's 11:00 a.m. worship and get a flower with an address and take it to a Fairmounter.

Holy Week

Triduum Eve Contemplative Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

The Thursday through Sunday of Holy Week are known as the Triduum ("three days")--the holiest period of the Christian year. On the eve of the Triduum, Fairmount will host a 45-minute candlelight prayer service with chants, *lectio divina*, and communion.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We gather a table with space for stranger and sibling, sinner and saint. A table set with intention, tenderness, and care. An ever expanding table for all who wish to take their place.

Good Friday

Friday, March 29th, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Pauls Episcopal Church

On the day when we mourn the death of Jesus, Fairmount pastors will join pastors from other Heights churches for an ecumenical "Seven Last Words" worship service. Rev. Ryan Wallace and Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis will be participating in this worship service. Visit Fairmount's Lent webpage to learn more, www.fpccl.org/lent-2024/.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Jesus died on Good Friday and was raised on Easter Sunday. But there was a day in between, Saturday, The Sabbath. On Holy Saturday, we'll offer a guided time of prayerful waiting. You can drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for individual prayer and silence.

Easter

Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The message of Easter is simple: God's love is the most powerful force in the universe. Join us on Easter Sunday to celebrate the good news of God's love for all creation. Families and children are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

Special Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow Visits Fairmount on Sunday, April 7th

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow, author of our Lenten study book, *Everything Good about God Is True*, will preach at Fairmount during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 7th. That morning, there will be one worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by our Breaking Bread lunch. From 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow will discuss his book and take questions from the congregation. Learn more, scan the QR code.



Spring Women's Retreat on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.

Fairmount is thrilled to announce the return of its annual retreat designed to center the needs of women and female-identifying individuals. This Mother's Day weekend day-long retreat will create sacred space to step back from the hustle of everyday life and embrace the delightful and divine gift of Sabbath. This retreat is an invitation to come together in fellowship, reflection, and mutual growth. Through generative workshops, story sharing, breaking bread together, and worship, we will deeply connect with God and one another. Registration will be available soon. There will be a fee for this retreat, as well as scholarships available. Please contact Pastor Lindsay with any questions, lindsayahl@fpccl.org.

Interfaith Events (learn more by visiting www.fpccl.org/blog)

Ramadan Iftar (Break-fast)

Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Chagrin Valley Islamic Center

The Chagrin Valley Islamic Center invites IGAH congregations to join them for some education about Ramadan, an iftar meal, and conversation with new friends.

Passover Seder

Friday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple

Fairmount Temple invites IGAH congregations to join their Shabbat service during Passover.

Music Notes

Rush Hour Concert, Tuesday, April 9th, 5:30 p.m. A free 50 minute program of music by Zsolt Bogner, pianist and Tyler Young, saxophone. Funding for this program is made possible by the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund.

From Generation to Generation, Sunday, April 28th, 11:00 a.m. A celebration of the Music Ministry at Fairmount Presbyterian with singers, bell ringers, and instrumentalists of all ages.

Lent at Fairmount

This Lenten season our worship themes and daily devotions are grounded in *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, a brand new book by Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow. Bruce is a Presbyterian pastor in California. He's pastored several congregations, written 6 books, and served as the youngest moderator of our national denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA). Bruce wrote this latest book as a guide for progressive Christians to claim and proclaim "a more complex, nuanced, loving, and just version of the gospel." We have created a daily devotion which is available in Andersen Hall that picks up on the questions and ideas that Bruce puts forward and invites you to engage in your understanding of faith and belief more deeply. We invite you to take one home with you as you prepare to begin this Lenten season. We also encourage you to pick one up for anyone you know who might benefit from this offering.

Copies of the book, *Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith*, are available in Andersen Hall. \$10 suggested donation. Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow will lead a book discussion after our April 7th worship.

Full Announcements and registration links can be found at <https://bit.ly/fpc-announcements> or scan the QR code

