

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022



Come Rain or Shine

"I will keep on."

**That's what he said, right
after he said my name, right
after he called me beloved, right
after we welcomed me home
and saved me a seat.**

**And I knew,
there was no stopping him.**

**I was under his wing.
come rain or come shine,
today and tomorrow,
this love keeps on.**



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Full to the Brim - *Under God's wing*

God loves the real you—the messy, authentic, honest you.

God, I am so used to putting on a filter. I slide into different versions of myself based on the room I'm in, but I don't want to do that with you. I want to bring my full self, the one you created. Give me the strength to pull back the layers. Give me the strength to bring exactly who I am to you, knowing it is more than enough. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Charlotte Frary

If God is a hen,
we are under God's wing.
If God is a table,
we each have a seat.
If God is a house,
we are safe from the storm.
If God is a party,
we're invited to dance.
If God is a melody,
our names are the lyrics.
If this is God's house,
then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

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Call to Confession

Family of faith,

we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest.

So, in a desire to grow and change,
let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen.
Let us confess our sins together. . .

Prayer of Confession

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,

“I will keep on.”

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person like a child of God. I will keep on believing that this world can change.

I will keep on

and keep on

and keep on until God’s promised day. Forgive us,

God, for the times when we stop.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, because Jesus’ love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us.

So, rest in this good news:

No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God’s wing.

We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

“My Soul is At Rest”

“My soul is at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from God.”

Passing of the Peace

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Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A Story for All Ages

Yoshie Pomerville

Prayer for Illumination

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Holy God,
this life of ours is full to the brim.
Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists, schedules and notifications,
assignments and deadlines. We
wake up feeling behind,
we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow,
and we know—there *has* to be more than this. So, we
pray:
bend down and show us the way. Leave
breadcrumbs in the street. Point us toward
awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and
trust.
Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope
that will make us feel alive.
We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us
the way.
We are listening for your cues.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Scripture

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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Psalms 27

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Luke 13:31-35

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Sermon

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Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

A modern paraphrase of Psalm 27

The Lord is my light.

The Lord surrounds me

like a warm, familiar quilt, in layers of grace.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the sturdy foundation
and the roof over my head.
I am not afraid.

When the world is at its worst—
when grief clings to my bones,
when fear eats at my confidence,
when loneliness moves into my house—
God sets the table,
turns on the lights,
and invites me to dance.

So even though there are days
that feel like too much to bear,
I know—I am not alone.

So, I ask the Lord,
I seek and I pray—
let me live in your house
all of my days. Amen.

*Hymn

“The Love of God”
(See insert)

Call to Offering

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*Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

*Hymn

“When Twilight Comes”

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Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May
you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And
in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

**All who wish to do so may stand*

*Words/images are signposts that point us to God; yet these words/images are not God.
Realizing words have power, every effort is made to use inclusive, expansive language for God.
You are invited to substitute word/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of
worship.*

*A special welcome to our guests. Your presence among us is a gift to our beloved community.
We trust God will draw you back to God's home—here at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe.
Would you give us the privilege of connecting with you by signing a pew card and placing it in
the offering plate?*



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