

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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11:15 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

Brother James' Air

Searle Wright (1918-2004)

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling

INTROIT

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Clare Elich, mezzo-soprano;

Kalb Linen-Yates, tenor; Greg Pipkin, bass-baritone

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

People: and I will give you rest.

Leader: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

People: for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Leader: For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

†OPENING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymn No. 403

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!	2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!	3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you;
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†PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

†CALL TO CONFESSION (A pause for silent confession follows.)

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. 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, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

†**GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory be to the Father”

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

†**CHILDREN’S HYMN**

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-9

(pew Bible, page 8)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 9: 9-26

(pew Bible, page 790)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“DEALING WITH LIFE’S INTERRUPTIONS”

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (unison)

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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.

†**HYMN OF REFLECTION**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn No. 356

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love!	2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.	3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy grace, now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Irish Blessing”

Bob Chilcott

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 592

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Hymn No. 447

1 Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud
clashing
Nor roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal;
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

McNeil Robinson II

POSTLUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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