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Service of Worship for the  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



WELCOME TO WORSHIP at  
**FANWOOD**

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Brian McGuinness and David Trumpp. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Liz Smith and AV support from Chris Mallari. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle ([fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com)) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email [fanwooddeacons@gmail.com](mailto:fanwooddeacons@gmail.com).

REFERENCES

Our music service is provided under the CCLI Copyright License 11039447, CCLI Streaming License 20099016 and CVLI Video License 504049131.

SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments.

*\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHILI COOKING**

COOK WITH US AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29! PLEASE EMAIL JOY AT [JOYMHENRY01@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOYMHENRY01@GMAIL.COM) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**TULIP BOUQUETS TO HONOR AND REMEMBER LOVED ONES**

Our sanctuary will be decorated with tulips and lilies to celebrate Easter! To donate a tulip bouquet in honor or memory of a loved one, please order online at [FanwoodPC.org](http://FanwoodPC.org).

**SOUP & DEVOTIONS**

Tuesdays in Lent beginning Feb. 24 from 6-7 PM in the Dining Hall

Join your friends and the Fellowship Committee as we explore in depth our theme for the season of Lent

**Tell me something good**

Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

**HOLY WEEK**  
*Schedule*

APRIL 2 AT 7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY AT THE MANSE
APRIL 3 AT 7:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY IN THE SANCTUARY
APRIL 5 AT 10:30 AM	EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10:00 AM EASTER SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
74 SOUTH MARTINE AVENUE, FANWOOD

## GATHERING

PRELUDE “Variation in F major, KV. 613”

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG “Improbable” by Britt Kusserow

*Everything’s possible for a love that’s improbable  
For a God that’s unstoppable, are you ready to try?  
When nothing is permanent, resurrection is imminent  
For a Love that looks different than the fear in their eyes,  
I am ready to shine.*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God loves the field mouse.

**All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,  
standing strong over all of us.**

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

\* OPENING HYMN #76 “My Song is Love Unknown” verses 1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, you have called us to love the stranger among us, yet we have too often responded with fear, suspicion, and neglect. You have commanded us to care for the vulnerable, yet we have hoarded our resources and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. You have welcomed the children and opened wide the gates of your kingdom, yet we have placed barriers where you have offered grace.

Forgive us, we pray. Redeem us and restore us, that we may turn again to your ways—seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Gonna Be Good" by T. Gaukrodger      Alexa Teebo

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 24:17-22 & Matthew 19:13-15

SERMON      Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith



## RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Balm of Gilead"      Liz Smith

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Sanctified Art*

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,  
I remember the one who welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

TELLING US SOMETHING GOOD *from Nancy DiTomaso*

\* DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God Throughout These Forty Days"

*Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN #76 "My Song is Love Unknown" *verses 4 & 5*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Haydn Piano Sonata in C Major"      Luyang Liu