

***THE BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Take My Life and Let It Be

POSTLUDE

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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Sunday, April 30, 2023
10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE

Carole Makus

CALL TO WORSHIP

*To God Be The Glory

*Come People of the Risen King

Be Thou My Vision

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

God, all-loving and all-caring,

we come before You with hesitant steps and uncertain motives;

our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

**We want to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated
and uncover the places where we have strayed from Your truth;
our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

We ask for courage to open our eyes and unstop our ears

that we may be aware of all that distracts us

from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ;

our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

**We want to see ourselves as You do and live our lives as You intended
expose in us the empty and barren places
where we have not allowed You to enter;
our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Reveal to us our half-hearted struggles,

where we have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of others;

our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right Spirit within us
nurture the faint stirrings of new life**

where Your spirit has taken root and begun to grow;

our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

We long for Your healing light to transform us into the image of Your Son,

for You alone can bring new life and make us whole

in Your mercy, shine upon us, O God, and make our path clear before us.

*As marked, please stand where able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

This day have confidence and that our sins have been forgiven

in Jesus Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Becca Redding

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Kruse

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Marie Davids, Soloist

& Chancel Choir

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

Fairest Lord Jesus

Cathy Bullock & Carol Makus, Piano Duet

***Doxology**

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

Our 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.

THE SCRIPTURES

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

Ephesians 4: 11-13

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

"Loving One Another"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE - Hymn #147**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Freely, Freely (all verses)

(Continued worship order is on the back of the bulletin.)

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRES

May 2023 Worship Theme

To Love as Jesus Loved

May 7, 2023 – What is Love? – 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

May 14, 2023 – Love as Jesus Loved – John 14: 15-21

May 21, 2023 – Do This, Don't Do That – Luke 6: 26-36

May 28, 2023 – Recognizing Your Worth – Genesis 39: 1-23



This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, May 1, 2023, Men's Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, South Hwy. 441 (near SR 48), Leesburg, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, May 7, 2023, Parents (of church youth) Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.

Musical Opportunities

Chancel Choir Practice, Every Wednesday @ 3:45 p.m. & every Sunday @ 8:45 a.m. in the Choir Room.

Joyful Ringers Practice, Every Wednesday @ 5 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Coming Soon

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 2ndTuesday@First Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. A Tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr. & Frank Sinatra by Entertainer, Steve Roman. \$10 per person. Sign up in the church lobby.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 – THIS YEAR, as a new outreach, FPCL is hosting a thanksgiving dinner for our neighborhood, family, friends and congregation. Would you like to be on the team that plans that event? If so, contact the office at 352 638 4849 or email fpcl@comcast.net

Other

1. An updated current church directory is available in the church lobby. See the ushers.
2. Church office is closed Wednesday, May 3 through Friday, May 5. Susan is taking vacation time.
3. Gift bags are available in the church lobby for guests.
4. Food donations to Salvation Army and Joining Hands In Food Ministry can be placed on the rolling cart in the church lobby. Staff will deliver the canned goods accordingly.



**“RING IN SPRING”
JOYFUL RINGERS
HANDBELL CONCERT**



• **SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023** •

• **4 PM** •

• **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** •

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