

The Hebrew term for the place of the crossing of the Red Sea is *Yam Suph*, (סֹפֵר-יָם). *Suph* also makes a pun with the Hebrew *suph ah* (storm) and *soph* ("end"), referring to the events of the Exodus.



*Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.*

*Out of Deep, Unordered Water*  
Fred Kaan 1965

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

**March 10, 2019**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Gathering Music**

Mike Kanan

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

Whoever you are,  
God welcomes you  
here.

**Prelude**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Flor Peeters

*Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of our foe, Through Thy suff'rings, death,  
and merit I eternal life inherit: Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship**

from I Corinthians 10:1, Exodus 13:21, Psalm 114, Exodus 15: 21

Our ancestors were all under a cloud, and all passed through the sea.

**The Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, and God did not depart from them.**

The sea looked and fled, the mountains skipped like rams.

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, the Lord who saves the people.**

Sing to the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously!**

**Opening Hymn 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**Call to Confession**

We come to  
worship to engage  
God's promises.

We confess our ignorance of God's saving power.

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession** *(Responsive)*

**Lord, your care for your people continues to amaze. You rescue and deliver. You make a way out of "no way." You are mighty. The wonder of salvation defies the language of description. Forgive us for all the ways we neglect your presence and forget your saving power. Give us time to amend our lives, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

### **Declaration of Good News**

**Response Hymn 5**      *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*      JENNING HOUSTON

*God the nui-sance of the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea;*

*God the pil-lar in the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:*

*You are the fount of all de-liv-erance; we are aim-less; lead us now.*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

#### ***Hearing the Word***

*All Sit*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Psalms** *(Responsive)*

Psalm 114

#### **The Exodus Event is Recalled**

God brought his people out of Egypt, that land with a strange language.

**He made Judah his holy place and ruled over Israel.**

When the sea looked at God, it ran away, and the Jordan River flowed upstream.

**The mountains and the hills skipped around like goats.**

Ask the sea why it ran away or ask the Jordan why it flowed upstream.

**Ask the mountains and the hills why they skipped like goats!**

Earth, you will tremble, when the Lord God of Jacob comes near,

**He turns solid rock into flowing streams and pools of water.**

**Anthem**

*O Lord, In Thee We Put Our Trust*

G.F. Handel/arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Reading from the First Covenant**

Exodus 14:21-25

#### **The Divine Victory at the Red Sea**

The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry. As morning approached, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. The LORD jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn't turn easily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!"

**Sermon**

For Lent: Getting Unstuck

*Everybody Needs a Red Sea*

Matthew Covington

#### ***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 435**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

**Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith (3.1 and 2)

**God chose one people for the sake of all. The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants as bearers of that promise for all peoples. God delivered the people. When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free. Amen.**

All creation rejoices with those who are being saved.

A classic battle of good and evil. God, and God, wins.

All Sit

**A Testimony for Lent**

Rider Allen

**Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**      *Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*      RESTORATION/arr. Ronald Turner  
Collegiate Ensemble

All Stand

**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. Amen

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 547**      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*      AR HYD Y NOS

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *O God Beyond All Praising*      THAXTED/David Cherwien  
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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

*If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.*

***The Presbyterian Church Staff***

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Buck in a Basket for March will support costs for our Christmas Market.

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**Our church Elders:** Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

**Announcements**

**USHERS:** The Franklin, Howard, and Hulan families

**LAY READER:** Rider Allen

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Ellie Osborne

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 17:** Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Sally Calkins and Ray Elms. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**TODAY:**

**BUCK IN A BASKET** for March will benefit our Christmas Market by offsetting cost of publicity. We purchased permanent signs and a banner and your gifts will reimburse those expenses, as they were not budgeted. And mark the date - December 7 is our next Market! We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

**WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?** The Forgiving Father in Luke 15:11-32 is the story our preschool group will hear. Godly Play (K-3rd) is exploring the story of the boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52). Who is a Good Neighbor is the focus for our older elementary from Luke 10:25-37. Please read the stories at home with your children and talk about what God wants them (and you) to learn.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY**, 4:00pm in the Conference Room. This is the final class. On March 24 the class will gather with the Session in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for conversations around individuals' statements of faith. Please continue to keep this group of amazing young people in your prayers!

**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 10**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Circle  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, March 11**

10:00 a.m. Monday Morn. Educ.  
11:30 a.m. Circle 9  
7:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

**Tuesday, March 12**

9:00 a.m. POPS  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle  
7:00 p.m. Camera Club

**Wednesday, March 13**

9:00 a.m. POPS  
9:15 a.m. Wed. Morning Circle  
10:00 a.m. Circle 6  
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner  
6:05 p.m. Lenten Worship  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 14**

6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

**Friday, March 15**

5:00 p.m. Gallery Hop

## *Announcements (continued)*

### **COMING UP:**

**RESERVATIONS FOR OUR 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER** (Sunday April 14, 5:30pm at La Gala) are **required** by April 1. You may make yours through our website (<https://bgpres.org/celebrating-our-200th>) or by calling or emailing the office. All monies due must be paid before April 14, no money will be taken at the dinner. \$25 adults, \$15 under 18, \$70 family maximum.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER** March 13. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with our devotional time beginning at 6:05pm. RSVPs required for dinner by Tuesday noon each week. This week's menu: Spring Mix Salad, Potato Soup, Coconut Cake. \$8 adults, \$5 child/youth, \$20 family maximum

**MONDAY MORNING CLASS ANNIVERSARY EDITION CONTINUES!** Join Dr. Robert Haynes in an exploration of our church's early history. 10:00am in the Conference Room. His recently published book on our early history will be the general focus and copies will be available for purchase (\$20). Bring a friend!

**GALLERY HOP AND RECEPTION FOR CHURCH HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT—March 15, from 5-8PM** In celebration of the bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church, 62 photos from church archives and families are being exhibited in the fellowship hall, aka GALLERY TPC. The exhibit runs from January 25 to April 17, with a gallery reception on March 15. For more information, email Diane Simmons ([dsimmonsbg1@mac.com](mailto:dsimmonsbg1@mac.com)).

**POTATO PARTY** March 17th is our annual Potato Party and bake sale fundraiser. Come along for some food and fellowship while helping us raise money for our youth trips! Sign up here: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=SVAU3442>

**SAINTS AND CENTURIES! A St. Patrick's Day concert with Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach**, Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 pm - Renowned duo Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach will offer the best in traditional Irish music on the fiddle, Irish pipes and tin whistle. The concert is offered as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, KY. It is free and open to the public. Come, enjoy and bring some friends!

**CIRCLES** CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, March 11th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00am at the home of Nancy Moore (1712 Barnard Way).

**BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED** Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky Presbytery Spring Gathering: **Save the Date** - Thursday, April 11, 2019; **Place:** The Presbyterian Church of Henderson, 100 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky; **Time:** 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Opening Activities; **Lunch:** \$5.00.

**OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** will be Saturday April 13, 10:30am. We need individually wrapped candies. Please drop off in the office for Leslee or David by April 7.

### **OTHER NEWS:**

**THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE MEAL.** Help will be needed with set up and clean up each week for our Lenten Meals. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> is the place to go to sign up - and if you help, YOU EAT FREE! Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

**CECELIA MEMORIAL CHURCH** is preparing for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Giveaway, to be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. They are collecting items now for the giveaway. You may call Lovelyn Williams for information on how to donate (or what items) at 619-368-2103. Any large or bulk items will need to be taken to Cecelia directly.

**LET'S CELEBRATE KINDNESS!** Write your kind act on a piece of paper and drop it in one of the red baskets (State Street entrance, 10th Street entrance and on the landing by the elevator). For example 21 people assisted with the "extra" RITI night this week. These can be anonymous submissions, acts completed at your workplace, donations to causes, or just simply a smile given to someone in need. Let's see how quickly we reach 200!

**A REQUEST FROM HOTEL, INC.** HOTEL, INC. has noted an increasing need for soap (family size hand and laundry) and hygiene products. There are many requests but few supplies available. If any in the congregation can help with that need, please bring items to the church and leave with the office staff. Thank you!