



# Perinton Presbyterian Church

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*Our*

# New Pastor

# The Church in Worship

Sunday, February 3, 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## *Our Gathering*

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: *Morning O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* arr. Vicki Collinsworth

### ↑ Call to Worship

Leader: We are God's handiwork,

People: **fashioned out of dust so we might never lose touch with our mother Earth,**

Leader: shaped by God so we might never forget to whom we belong,

People: **created with a heart so we might feel the bonds of love that stretch between us,**

Leader: made with a deep yearning so we might seek and be found by a faithful God.

People: **We are God's delight and we rejoice to praise our Creator.**

### ↑ Hymn #39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### ↑ Prayer of Invocation and Confession

**You assure us that we are precious in your sight, O God, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love can be fickle and inconsistent. We too often follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life could harm others and hurt your world.**

**We are sorry, Loving Lord, and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to**

**another, and bless us with your peace, for we ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

*Silent Prayer and Reflection*

↑ Assurance of Pardon.....

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

↑ Response #581.....*Glory Be to the Father*

Special Music: (8:30).....

Choir Anthem: (11:00) *O Lord, Your Table Now Is Spread ... by Brad Nix*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***The Word***

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

Sermon: *The Perfect Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald

↑ Hymn #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Commissioning of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Feasting at the Lord's Table

*The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All persons of any age and at all points in the journey of faith are welcomed at the Table of the Lord. (Book of Order PCUSA, 2017)*

Gathering at the Table

Pastor: Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People: People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Pastor: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy God, we praise you. We thank you for the marvelous variety of your creation: for lumbering hippopotamuses and quick, tiny hummingbirds; for the humor of dolphins and the seriousness of owls; for twisting banyan trees and straight sequoias; for icebergs and hot springs; for fields of corn, and rice paddies, and window box gardens; for galaxies of stars and grains of sand. Keep us amazed at the wonder of your handiwork and grant us, we pray, a special measure of gratitude for being a part of such a diverse and colorful creation. We put our trust in your creativity and faithfulness. Therefore, in joy and praise, with all creation, and with prophets, martyrs, and saints of every time and place we join in giving you praise!

God of glory, God of Jesus Christ, and our God: in Christ you have shown us the extent of your love for us, of your provision for our every need, and so we are especially grateful for the life we know in Jesus Christ.

**People: Born of Mary, Jesus shares our life. Eating with sinners, Christ welcomes us. Teaching disciples, Christ guides us. Dying on the cross, Christ rescues us from death. Rising, Christ gives us new life.**

Pastor: As you moved over chaos and brought order and light, as you called the church into praise and action at Pentecost, move within and among us, breathe life into us, and call us. Descend as a dove of peace, bring reconciliation where it is needed. Burn as a Spirit of fire, cleansing the wounds of prejudice and fear, and bringing healing to our minds and hearts. Hover over us with sheltering wings as we dare to try our fledgling wings of faith. Swirl around us, gathering us together into one people at the one table of Jesus Christ, whom we remember in this joyous celebration until we feast with Christ in glory.

**People: O God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you, and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:**

**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 and ever. AMEN.**

Words of Institution

*Please come forward when directed by an Usher to do so; take a piece of bread and a small cup of juice and carry them back to your seat. Gluten-free bread is available in the separate dish on each plate. If you are not easily able to walk forward, please stay seated and indicate to an Usher that you would like to be served in your pew.*

Prayer Following Communion

Let us pray together:

**God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your child Jesus, who makes us new and strong and who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us**

**all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve You,  
even as in Christ you have served us. AMEN.**

***Our Dedication***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* ..... arr. Marianne Kim

↑ Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

↑ Prayer of Dedication.....

**We honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

↑ Hymn: #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

↑ Benediction

↑ Benediction Response *Go Out and Serve Him!*..... Besig and Price

Postlude: *Peace Like a River* .....arr. Mark Hayes