Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Joe and Kathy Northen, C. B. Strange, Nancy Clayton, Kim Meadows, Joyce Perez and

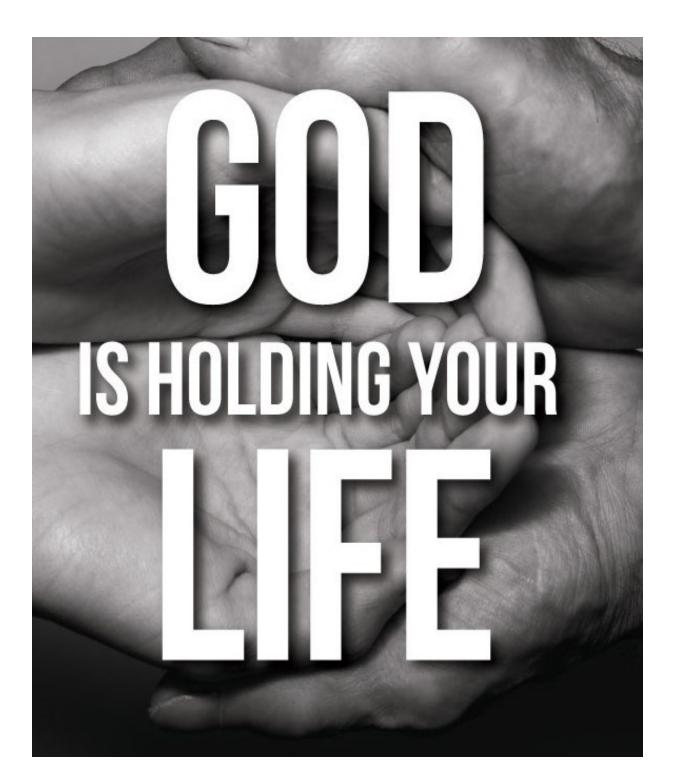
We extend a warm welcome to Joe and Kathy Northen who will be serving as our interim music ministers. We are blessed by their willingness to lead us in worship.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

God you have made of us an Easter people, ready to tell the news of death's defeat, eager to share our joy and our money, alive with hope, accompanied by glory, on the road with Jesus. Bless our gathering, our gifts, and our going forth. Amen

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.



First Presbyterian Church

April 25, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please note: You may sing softly if fully masked and socially distanced.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "God Himself is With Us" by Neander– Page

Crossing the Threshold

God is holding your life God is holding your life God is holding your life, we believe [Congregation Will Join on the Refrain]

Opening Collect Prayer

Leader: Dear and Near God, you never leave our side.

Open us this day to feeling and knowing your presence deep in our hearts so that we might show forth love with the same confidence, offering your reign of right relationship on earth as it is in heaven.

People: We praise you for your close attention, holding our lives together in care.

Amen.

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

GTG#39

* The Children Should Come Forward during the Last Stanza of the hymn.

Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Beth

Scripture Reading Psalm 139: 1-18

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Anthem "Embraced Within Your Loving Arms"

LISTENING TO THE WORD

Sermon "Where Can I Go?"

Sung Reprise

"God is Holding Your Life"

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Selah Moment

Postlude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Jarrell

Please remain seated

Benediction

Now go in the knowledge that God is holding your life even as we hold each other.
You are not alone.
You are loved.
Amen.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

