

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY



LENTEN WORSHIP
March 16, 2025, 10:15 AM



“Mary & Martha” by Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

For contemplation: Imagine yourself in this piece. Where would you be and how would you interact with what surrounds you? Look at the figures. What story do you assign to each of them? What emotions would you give to them? Finally, observe your own emotions. How does this image make you feel?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

INTROIT

Christie Seyfarth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come as you are.

**People: If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,**

Leader: if you know every scripture
or none at all,

**People: if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,**

Leader: or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,

People: come as you are.

Leader: This is God's house.

People: None are turned away.

Leader: All are welcome here.

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Grace,

We long to do the "right" thing.

We long to make the "right" choice.

We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.

Show us the way.

Amen.

Silent prayer...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ANTHEM "You Are My All In All with Fairest Lord Jesus" The Senior Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary: The Better Parts

SERMON

"Faith & Works"

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

***HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are.

We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction.

We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and is gentle with our concerns.

And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love.

The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit.

So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your joys and concerns.

"For N. and N. we pray to the Lord." Amen.

"For N. and N. we praise the Lord!" Amen.

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.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

"Take My Life," v. 1-4, 6

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Christie Seyfarth

Please take a seat to enjoy the postlude.

***Those who are able may stand**

WELCOME, VISITORS AND OLD FRIENDS... We're glad you are with us this morning, and we invite you to participate fully in all parts of the worship service. Throughout the week, if you would like more information about the church, to ask a question, or if you would like to share a prayer concern, please email fpcwhippany@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message 973-887-2197.

Calendar of Events -For a full calendar of church events, please visit www.whippanychurch.com

Sunday, March 16

9:30 AM Choir Warm-up

10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 17

7:30 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, March 20

5:30 PM Church of the Wild Things

Sunday, March 23

9:30 AM Choir Warm-up

10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

If you would like to make a donation to the church, please access our online giving page at www.whippanychurch.com/give or mail your gift to the church office.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6 D

German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem

Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad

Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

LIFE IN CHRIST

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and three lines of lyrics. The second system features a piano accompaniment with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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