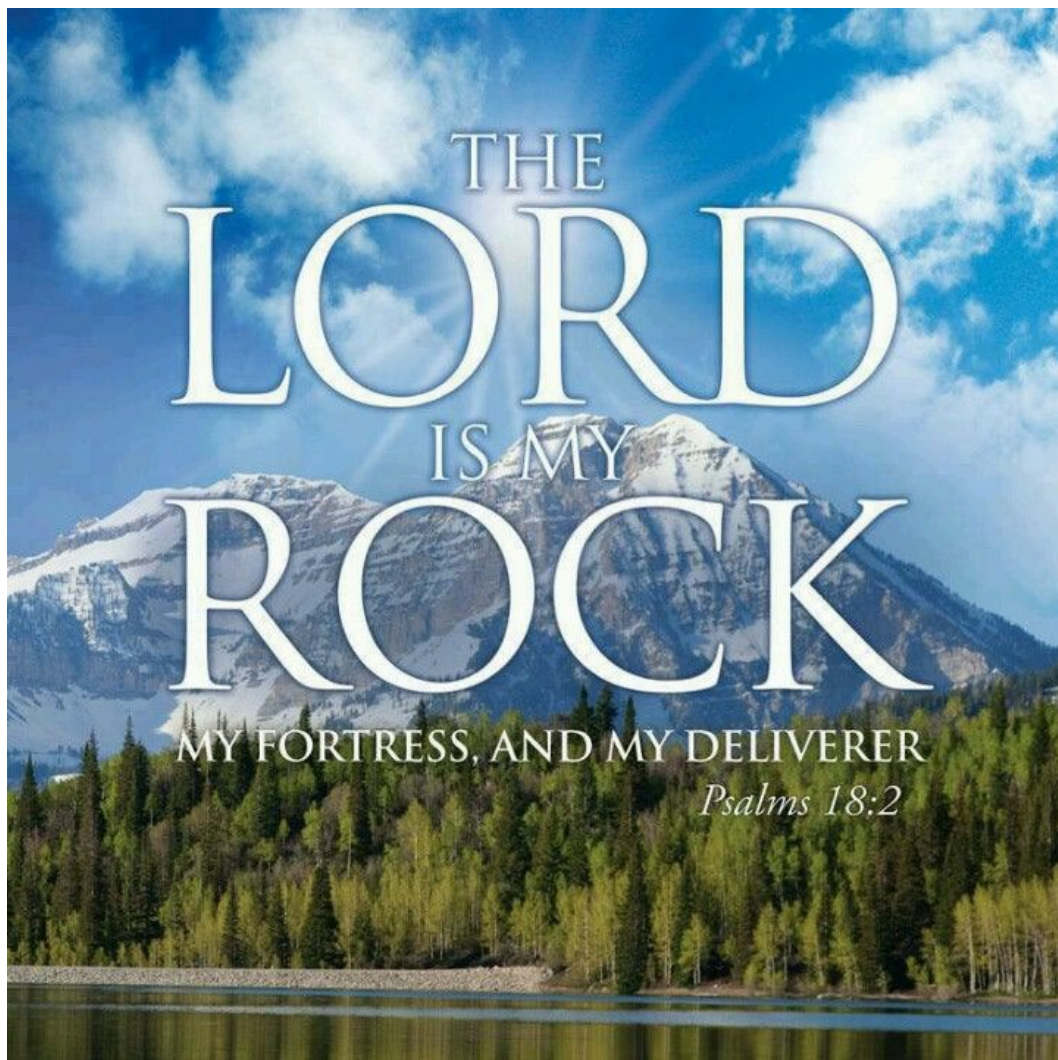


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Preaching Series: The Chosen--Mary Magdalene)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God's presence in worship)

My Heart is Ever Yearning

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie Davis

Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, so we know you are here. Please pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. Giving us your contact information is very helpful so we can stay in touch with you, especially if you are a visitor and this is your first time worshipping with us. Welcome to all of you, if you are new, or have been here several times before. We are glad you have chosen to worship God this morning.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith McLean

There is so much that we do not understand.

So many mysteries in the life of faith.

But some things are certain.

We know: our Help comes from the Lord.

God is our Rock and our Deliverer.

Let us worship the God who is our Strength and our Redeemer.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Were You There?" (v. 1 and 4)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Judith

Lord Jesus, You come to us. You promise to bless us and give us purpose.

But so often we don't trust You. We turn away, trying to figure out our lives alone. We cling to what we think we know. But you are persistent. You call

us once again. Forgive us for our stubborn nature. Help us to see Your deliverance from our sinful selves. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

But in order that the world might be saved through Him.

We are loved and we are forgiven all our sins.

Thanks be to God for God’s amazing grace.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22: 1-7

Liturgist Judith

Gospel Reading

Luke 8: 1-3

Pastor Roxie

Mark 15: 40-41

Liturgist Judith

Mark 15: 46-47

Pastor Roxie

Mark 16: 1-4

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Mary Magdalene, Delivered”

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN**

“My Song Is Love Unknown” (v. 1, 3 and 5)

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- The Invitation
- The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsively)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- (Prayer of thanksgiving...) And so we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of your name:
- **(Sung #85) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!**
- The Communion –Sharing of Bread and Cup
- Moments of Meditation
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together
Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your grace and peace to those around us...

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

What Wondrous Love Is This

Liturgist Judith
American Folk Hymn

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly hos. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Judith

***CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father; brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment; and live each moment
In peace eternally; let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Roxie

POSTLUDE

Toccara in G Major

Pachelbel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. A special welcome to all visitors. Please give us your preferred contact information so we can stay in touch with you. If you are sitting closest to the aisle, please place the Friendship Sheet in the Offering Plates.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. Greeters today are Gail Rosales and Alex Ruthven. Offertory Ushers are Jane Penzien and others. Coffee Hour is hosted by Helen Weston and Robin Ferguson. Altar flowers are provided by Judith McLean in honor of Betty McLean, in honor of her 95th birthday.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Every day at sunset, as you are reflecting on your day and counting your blessings, please remember to include our PNC Committee and the important task they have before them. Please pray for them by name: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour to celebrate those who have a March birthday/anniversary after worship.

FUNERAL: Jim Opferman passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Visitation will be on Sunday, March 5th 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Pollack Randall Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron on Monday, March 6th at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. If you have any memories or stories you would like to share, please e-mail them to Pastor Roxie at roxieannndavis@hotmail.com. A memorial has been established in Jim Opferman's name for First Presbyterian Church.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN": Join us throughout Lent on various Sundays after worship at 11:15 a.m. and various Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., to watch the video series "The Chosen" with discussion following the video clip (based on the Gospel of Matthew). It will be announced each Sunday and in the Flocknotes weekly.

ALTAR FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR/USHERING: Please sign-up in the book located in the Gathering Room for offering ushers (collecting the offering), altar flowers and/or coffee hour. Dates are available for the months of March and April.

FUNERAL TEAM: Your Funeral Luncheon Team is looking for members who could occasionally be a greeter to assist/direct the family and friends as they arrive for the service. Occasionally, the team also needs help to prepare the tables for the luncheon (with tablecloths and vases of flowers). Our funeral team no longer prepares the food for the luncheon. The family works directly with a caterer who supplies everything they will need. Your Funeral Luncheon team is honored to assist our church families during their time of need. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Helen Weston (810-984-2406) - Pat Schattler (810-841-7485) - Jacquie Green - Paula Cameron - Debbie Deaner - Carolyn Ahlquist

FINANCIAL COUNTERS: We are in need of a few more financial counter teams (2 people each team) to come into the church, ordinarily on Monday mornings, to count the offering and deposit in the bank.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS HIRING: With our growing attendance, we are interviewing for a Nursery Attendant. This is a paid position of considerable importance. Please consider if you know of someone who would be interested in this position. Please contact Michelle Fisher with any questions or to apply.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Before church service begins each Sunday, please have the children pick up their personal activity bags, with "age-appropriate" items, hanging on their hooks in the G.I.F.T. room to use during worship. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the baskets in the sanctuary.

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together): Lesson for the day- God spares the Israelites at Passover. "God takes care of us." 5 years-5th grade. Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message in worship.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are now available in the racks on a table near the church office.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER: The Blue Water Area Churches are hosting 40 Days of Prayer daily until April 2nd. The Blue Water Area Churches' website, bwchurches.org, provides the structure and content for each meeting. With an Old Testament and a New Testament scripture, there is a biblical prayer of hope with a specific topic daily. You can find the location and prayer focus each day at bwchurches.org. We hope you can join several of the prayer times in person! We are hosting it on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./3-6:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Properties Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Wed./3-8:	Sarah's Circle	1:00 p.m.
Thurs./3-9:	Adult Class "The Backstory"	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Lunch at St. John's Church	12:00 p.m.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: *Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children's Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child's face in view, please instruct them to sit in the front pew with their back facing the congregation or remain in their seats with you.*

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***OUR MISSION IS KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.***