

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

God's People Gather

The Chimes

The chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, who calls us together, has come among us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and has given us the Holy Spirit.

The Gathering

Courtney Stamey

The Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This
*What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul
What wondrous love is this, oh my soul.*

arr. Cindy Berry

The Lenten Refrain

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us, O Christ, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.

The Summons

Courtney Stamey

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

For we have not only witness forgiveness, we have felt its power.

O come, let us worship the Lord.

-From *The Worship Sourcebook*

To Praise the Living God

*The Processional Hymn

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! What a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul

Friends may fail me foes assail me, He my Savior makes me whole *[Refrain]*

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus what a Savior, Jesus, Jesus what a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,

Tempted tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins *[Refrain]*

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine. *[Refrain]*

*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Bradley Freeny

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

To Listen for God's Word

The Witness of Scripture: 1 John 1:5-9; 2:1-2

Bradley Freeny

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsive Reading: Matthew 5: 3-10 (The Beatitudes)

Susan Meadors

Blessed are the spiritually poor—**the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Blessed are those who mourn—**they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek and gentle—**they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—**they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful—**they will be shown mercy.**

Blessed are those who are pure in heart—**they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers—**they will be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—**the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Greg Gearhart

*The Hymn 278

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BEACH SPRING

(Verses 1, 3)

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road,

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load,

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear,

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,

I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through,

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

The Confession of Sin

Susan Meadors

Merciful God, we confess it is hard to take our sins seriously enough to ask your

forgiveness and that of our neighbor. And it is hard to let go of our destructive

ways so we might know the cool water of forgiveness, and offer it to our neighbor.

Create in us new forgiven and forgiving hearts. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

“If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 5:9) Beloved children of God, in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

The Children’s Time

Courtney Stamey

*The Witness of the Gospels: Luke 7:36-50

Bradley Freeny

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The 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.

The Anthem

Wings of the Dawn

Linda Spencer

The Sermon

Forgiveness

Courtney Stamey

And to Respond in Faith

The Pastoral Prayer

Susan Meadors

The Hymn 389

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING
(Two Times)

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place,
Lord listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Musical Offering

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Zachary Templeton, baritone

arr. John Payne

The Celebration of Communion

Susan Meadors and Courtney Stamey

Leader 1 We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People Thanks be to God for this holy gift.

Leader 2 In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” Great is the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader 1 Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

*The Hymn of Response 588 I Know Whom I Have Believed
(Verses 1, 3)

EL NATHAN

I know not why God's wondrous grace, to me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own *[Refrain]*

Refrain: But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able,
To keep that which I've committed, unto Him against that day

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in Him. *[Refrain]*

The Affirmation of Christian Decision

We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God. We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ. We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God’s kind of love. Amen

*The Offering Prayer

Toney Keeler

For all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all this good earth, for all you will do with what we have given, and for all the graces you extend, we thank you, Lord. Amen.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

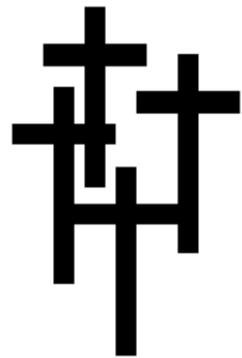
*Blessing and Sending

Courtney Stamey

*Please stand as you are able.

O Lord,
This is our desire,
to walk along the path of life that you have appointed us,
in steadfastness of faith,
in lowliness of heart,
in gentleness of love.
Let not the cares or duties of this life press on us too heavily;
but lighten our burdens,
that we may follow your way in quietness,
filled with thankfulness for your mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

–*Maria Hare* (1798-1870)



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