



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please silence your phone and prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"What Wondrous Love"* - arr. Smith
Duet - Deb Koltveit, piano & Janis Wheat, organ

GREETING "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "The Glory of These Forty Days" #165 (vs 1&4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
God's love is poured into our hearts.
The law of the Lord revives the soul;
The word of God makes us wise.
Let all who thirst come to the waters;
Let all who are hungry come and eat.
Let us all praise the Lord for all our blessings,
Let us praise the Lord today and always!

* OPENING HYMN - ***"O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench"*** #162

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of

people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(silent reflection)

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

In this time of Lent, we focus on areas of our lives in which we have strayed.

But we gain comfort in knowing we can always come to you.

We know through your mercy you will make us one with you again.

We rejoice in the power of your healing grace!

Friends, believe in the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

***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.***

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace)

WELCOME

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "Woman at the Well" - Lane, Fee, & Reeves
Heather Carter, solo and Richard Carter, guitar**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Exodus 17:1-17
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 4:5-42
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON - “Saving Grace for All”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD “THE APOSTLES’ CREED”

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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - “Lord of the Dance” arr. Carter
Piano Duet: Deb Koltveit & Janis Wheat

*** DOXOLOGY - Traditional**

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “I Danced in the Morning” #157**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #216 (verses 2)**

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*** POSTLUDE - “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” arr. Mansfield**

