



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrate the Gifts of Women

March 7, 2021



Anders Eriksson, *Marriage in Cana*, 1807

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; to support the mission of the church worldwide; to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.” ~ Presbyterian Women

- GATHERING -

GATHERING MUSIC Brandenburg Concerto No. 3: I
J.S. Bach arr. Wendy Carlos

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Brandenburg Concerto No. 3: II
J.S. Bach arr. Wendy Carlos

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 146*) Carol Tomasko

I will praise the Holy One as long as I live

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Happy are they whose hope is in the Holy One their God; who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

Who keeps promises forever; **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord carries the stranger; the Holy One sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Holy One shall reign forever, through all generations!

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days GTG #166
Words and Music by Claudia F.I. Hernaman & Day's Psalter (ST. FLAVIAN)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Wangari's Trees of Peace"
Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kingdom. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession.]

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God
by Marty Haugen (Psalm 23)

GTG #473

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women



- THE WORD -

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Based on Psalm 19*)

HEBREW BIBLE

Numbers 27:1-11

(NRSV)

GOSPEL

John 2

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. David B. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

- RESPONDING TO THE WORD -

OFFERING

RESPONSE

Be Still and Know That I Am God
by John L. Bell (Psalm 46)

GTG #414

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our praise.**

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION

How Lovely, Lord (Psalm 84)

GTG #402

Words and Music by Arlo D. Duba and Hal H. Hopson (MERLE'S TUNE)

- SENDING -

HYMN

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

GTG #5

Words and Music by John Thornburg & Amanda Husberg (JENNINGS-HOUSTON)

BENEDICTION (*from Wangari Maathai*)

POSTLUDE

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3: III

J.S. Bach arr. Wendy Carlos

Pieces of today's liturgy are from the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); J. Bradley Wigger, *Together We Pray*; Presbyterian *Outlook*, Roger Gench; and Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Lord, *Horizons Magazine*.

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; GTG = “Glory to God” Hymnal