

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE: “*Voluntary on HERZLIEBSTER JESU*” - Johann Crüger, arr. David Lasky

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made,

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship God.

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 12 “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*” – vs. 1 ST. DENIO

Im-mor-tal, in-vis-i-ble, God only wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the Ancient of Days,
Al-might-y, vic-to-rious, Thy great name we praise.

***OPENING PRAYER** Gracious God, we worship You in spirit and in truth. We know You are the one God, who made heaven and earth, and we bring our prayers and praises to You. In joy we raise our voices to the King of kings. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 49 “*The God of Abraham Praise*” LEONI

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we know we have not done all that we should do and have often done that which we should not do. Forgive us when we fail to follow Your laws and when we doubt that they matter anymore. Help us to remember that You are the one true and living God and that we serve only You. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say...) In Jesus’ name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 469 “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” CHILDREN PRAYING
Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place.
Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Be with us Lord, as we listen to Your word in Scripture and music. Make Your message clear and help it resonate with us today. Take our lives to be a living embodiment of Your Word, Your love, and Your justice. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 22:23-31, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him; stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard when I cried to Him.

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord. May Your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

Leader: To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for Him.

People: Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that He has done it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Genesis 7:1-7, 15-16
you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 13 of the Old Testament
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *"Follow the Way of the Lord"* - Bert Stratton/Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 8:31-38 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 44 of the New Testament

Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 450 "*Be Thou My Vision*" SLANE

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: *"Lead Me to Calvary"* - DUNCANNON, arr. Victor C. Johnson

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, we thank You for the Gift of eternal life given to us through Jesus Christ. We know that nothing we do can earn such a gift. Today we return a portion of our earthly goods as our meager gift to You. Please accept these gifts for use in spreading the news of the gospel around the world. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 264 *"At the Name of Jesus"* KING'S WESTON

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 205 *"Live in Charity"* (Sing twice) UBI CARITAS (Taize)

Live in char-i-ty and stead-fast love.

Live in char-i-ty; God will dwell with you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *"The Call to Commitment"* - Lani Smith

***Those who are able may stand.**

Daily Bread

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service with communion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry

Prayers for all those who are without shelter during this cold snap.

Sue Fitch passed away, prayers for her family and friends

Clyde Lockhart is in rehab with RSV and needs our continued prayers

Joe's friend Tony Petril was found unresponsive and is in the hospital

CELEBRATIONS

Bryan's team lead, Kimberly Mitchell had a mass removed from her brain and should be going home soon.