

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE: “*God So Loved the World*” - John Stainer

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

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-ri-ous, the Ancient of Days,

Al-might-y, vic-to-ri-ous, Thy great name we praise.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** No. 12 “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*” ST. DENIO

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, forgive us when we come to worship preoccupied by the problems in our lives. For many the problems they face seem insurmountable and all consuming. Give us ears to hear Your word and the faith to trust that You are always in control. (Silent prayer) In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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.**

A TIME FOR YOUTH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (Please read responsively)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those He redeemed from trouble

Leader: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

Leader: they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress; He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of His deeds with songs of joy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9 (Pew Bible, page 139)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: “*Lord of the Wind and the Sea*” - Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, page 94)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

***HYMN** No. 212 “*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*” MARTYRDOM

***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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

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:

“The Cross of Christ” - RATHBUN / CROSS OF JESUS, arr. Dan R. Edwards

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Ever faithful God, we thank You for Your steadfast love which provides for all we need. Give us hearts overflowing with gratitude. Use the gifts we bring today to further the work of Your kingdom in this world. Amen.

*** HYMN** No. 14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* DIX

***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:**

“When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified” - ENGELBERG, arr. Anna Laura Page

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

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Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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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 – Palm Sunday

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

Janet asks for prayers for her friend Cheryl Taylor who lost her son, and took in his cat
that is now suffering from terminal cancer

Pat asks for prayers for Brayden's baseball team

Prayers for Ashley Grissom and her kids