

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*Self-Development of People Sunday*

March 15, 2020

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Bill Gast

## PRELUDE:

- I. *Prière a Notre Dame* - Leon Boëllmann
- II. *I Bind My Heart to Thee* - Franklin Ritter

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 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. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

## \*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" vs 1 TOULON

**I greet Thee, Who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** God of wilderness and water, Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 234

*"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

ST. KEVIN

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

**Let us pray...**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and just Father hear our prayer of confession. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We ignore the suffering around us, preferring to believe the lies of those who assure us that everything is fine. We don't look beyond the words to see and address the suffering of humanity. Forgive us when we only have compassion for a few people who have similar experience to our own. Help us to reach out to those who are suffering and bring them healing in Your name. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,) 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. 618 *"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"* vs. 1 DEO GRACIAS  
O love how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, shall take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

**TIME FOR YOUTH** You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the teenagers,) then just say "you may be seated.")

**Pat Nash would like to bring us a Minute for Mission**  
**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pat Nash

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit Who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 95 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

People: O that today you would listen to His voice!

Leader: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

People: when your ancestors tested Me, and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.

Leader: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

People: Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 17:1-7, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 64

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** *Come to the Water* - Anna Laura Page & Jeremy Blackwood

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 4:5-42, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 94-95

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

**\*HYMN** No. 649

*“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

AMAZING GRACE

**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. It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

**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:** *Ah, Holy Jesus* - HERZLIEBSTER JESU, arr. Mary McDonald

**\*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 now come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Enduring Presence, goal and guide, you go before and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour Your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN No. 803**

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

RESIGNATION

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 757 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* vs. 4 KINGSFOLD

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God Who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* - SHOWALTER, arr. Stephen Aber

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

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Today's flowers are donated by  
Jim and Connie Brubaker  
in celebration of Joan Christy's  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Daily Bread**

Supplement

**CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and box tops for education. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

**EASTER LILIES**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for those wishing to purchase Easter lilies for the sanctuary. Price is \$10.00 each. Deadline to sign-up in March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Pat Nash

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY**

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

**TUESDAY**

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

**THURSDAY**

10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY**

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price is in the hospital and needs continued prayers

Bill Swaney had a stroke, and is in rehab, continued prayers for him and Nina

Sue Fitch

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Irmagene Mitchell

Margie Sonntag

Martha Brashear is still in pain after her surgery, prayers for her and Truman

Diane Sharp

Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University, he needs continued prayers

Sonia Wills and her family

The church in Cameroon is being destroyed

Zac Tucker

Aurelia's son, Joshua Coleman

Janet's friend Chris has bone cancer and other problems

Travel mercies for all our members who are traveling

Nina and Julie are both suffering from sciatica

Matt McKowen passed away, prayers for his mother Susie and brother Jacob

The people and animals affected by the fires in Australia – and pray for rain!

Everybody impacted by the winter storms

Manfred Enoh's mother-in-law is traveling to Africa – prayers for a safe stay and a safe return

Jeff Freeman, was shot and beat up in a home invasion, and is in intensive care

Jennifer Swan and her family

Wes Cheshire is having health problems

A 10 year old girl was hit by a car, prayers for her recovery

### **CELEBRATIONS**

Charlie Ciuro was able to go back to work

Tom Price was released from the hospital

Gene Knox is in town visiting