

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**5th Sunday of Lent**

*Justice Advocacy Sunday*

*Matthew 25: Build Congregational Vitality Sunday*

*Forgiveness Sunday*

*St. Patrick's Day*

**March 17, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Bill Gast

**PRELUDE:** *“Voluntary on CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN”* - Plainchant Melody adapted as German Chorale, 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: With my whole heart I seek You; do not let me stray from Your commandments.

People: **Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.**

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.**

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER** **Glorious God, we celebrate with joy the gift of Your Son. We know that through Him, we have eternal life. Together we worship and glorify Your Holy Name. Amen.**

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 620 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* LAUDA ANIMA

**\*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 and ever-present God, we come before You in humble supplication. Though we try to be obedient followers we let the desires of the world interfere. When we try to be loving, people seem to become less lovable. When we work to bring Your glory to all people we walk away in frustration because the evil around us makes it too hard. Forgive us when we give in to the evils of this world and give us strength to move forward as Your true disciples. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) 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** Lord give us understanding of Your ways and a desire to always follow. Though the world crumbles around us and fear grips others, we know that You are God. Let us hear the Good News of the Gospel with our ears and hearts. We ask in the name of Your Son, Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 51:1-12, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** **Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 31:31-34 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 735 of the Old Testament**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**ANTHEM:** "*Lord Be Glorified*" - Bob Kilpatrick and Ruth Elaine Schram

**GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 12:20-33 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 106-107 of the New Testament**

**John 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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. 432 *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"* REPTON

**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.**



**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*“Recessional on LAUDATE DOMINUM”* - Charles H. H. Parry

**\*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 and without clean drinking water

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

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

Lori's friend Shelby lost his teen age daughter, please pray for him and his family

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Joan is celebrating that Lori is here and is recovering from her surgery