

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Julie Ciuro

PRELUDE:

I. *Variations on "BOURBON"* - John Freeman

II. *There is a Green Hill Far Away* - GREEN HILL, arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

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: **For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.**

People: **Live as children of light!**

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 the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the 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.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 275**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

***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 God, forgive our fearfulness in the face of earthly foes. We know we should depend on You, but find ourselves frightened by recent events. We look to the world for answers to problems. We fight to ensure we get our share of resources without regard to the needs of others. Lord, forgive us when in our fear we fail to trust in Your promises and refuse to consider the need of those around us. Forgive us when we humbly try to be faithful followers of Your son, Jesus Christ. (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.

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.")

TIME FOR YOUTH

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 Through Christ You make us a new creation, O God, for with Him we pass from sin to the new life of grace. Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of Your compassion, and welcome all people to the festive banquet of Your table, where we may rejoice in Your love and celebrate the inheritance You have given to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from **Psalm 23** please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: **He restores my soul. He leads me in the right paths for His name's sake.**

People: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff – they comfort me.**

Leader: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from **1 Samuel 16:1-13**, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 259-260

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *Evidence of Grace* - Gwyn Williams, arr. Mary McDonald

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 9:1-41, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 102-103

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

***HYMN** No. 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBA

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: *Jesus Paid it All* - John T. Grape

***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**

Discerner of hearts, You look beneath our outward appearance and see Your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through Your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 286**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

***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:** *Postlude “Mosso Moderato”* - Wilhelm Adam Valentin Volckmar

***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 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 29th. 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

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 is back at work
Tom Price was released from the hospital.