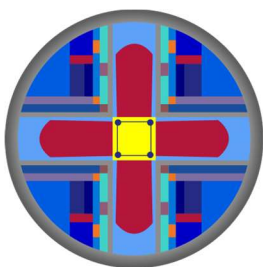


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St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your info online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack, and we invite you to list your concerns and place them in the offering plate as well.

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

All: Let us worship God!

Invocation and Lords' 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.

*Opening Hymn #53

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

(front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Ever-present God, as we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for the easiest way in life. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek your new life, but we want to keep control of our lives. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you still offer the gift of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew

us, and free us from our attachment to the past so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Transition Hymn #626**

"As the Deer"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

***Doxology (#606)**

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.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

John 12:27-33

Time for Young Disciples

(Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed following this time for Children's Church.)

Special Music

"Lamb of God"

Chancel Choir

John Reim

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Preston Shealy

"Starting Over"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith** (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

What is our only comfort in life and in death? That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

***Responsive Hymn #434**

“Restore In Us, O God”

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

Jennifer Massey

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #718**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction**

“Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling”

sung to the PICARDY tune (“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”), words by Elizabeth Smith

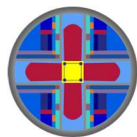
Truth will be our Lenten learning: hear the Crucified One call!

Shadowed by the Saviour's passion, images and idols fall,

and, in Easter's holy splendour, God alone is all in all.

***Postlude**

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



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