

**Second Sunday in Lent
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Seasonal Color: Purple

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: March Madness Food Drive Missions Cmte.
Rise Against Hunger

PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" William M. Runyan/arr. Joel Raney
(Laura Michael and Susan Strickland - Piano Duet)

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Is not this the fast I choose; to loose the bonds of injustice;
To share your bread with the hungry;
To bring the homeless poor into your house;
When you see the naked, to clothe them?
Then your light shall spring up quickly.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

You keep your eye upon us, O God; you protect us as a shield. You give us hope in spite of the disquiet that lingers within us. You lift our spirits and make us glad. All creation sings your praise; we your people laud your name. Hear us as we worship, and speak to us as we gather. For we seek to be filled with your Spirit and made alive by your abiding Word. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" GTG # 215

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You led us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" GTG # 575
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 121 p. 571

ANTHEM: "He Became a Lamb" Mary Kay Beall (ASCAP)
He became a lamb, he became a lamb.
When the Father needed a sacrifice, He sent His Son
And He became a lamb.
Scarred, bruised, suffering for sins not His own, for sins not His own.
Scarred, bruised, willing to give up His throne.
(willing to give up His heavenly throne.)
God so loved the world, *(He became a lamb)*.
God so loved the world, *(He became a lamb)*.
That He sent his only begotten son to pay the price,
A sacrifice, a lamb.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: Mark 8:22-26 pg. 43

SERMON: "Eyes Touched by Grace" Rev. Dr. John McCall

*HYMN: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" GTG # 649

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CURRENT CIRCLE GROUPS
A LITANY TO HONOR WOMEN (see insert)
RECOGNITION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBER Amy Yenderusiak

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" William Ringham
(FPC Handbell Ensemble)

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"Great God of Every Blessing" (vs-1) GTG # 694
Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

**How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of compassion, you minister to us in our wilderness. When barren wastes surround us, you hear our prayers of petition. In times of want, you ease our plight with mercy. In times of plenty all that we have comes from your grace. In bringing our gifts to you, we return what is already yours. May these gifts be used to bring all your people into the Promised Land. Amen.

WE ARE SEALED IN GOD'S GRACE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

(The prayer continues, ending with "who forever sing to the glory of your name." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 562)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues until "Great is the mystery of Faith." Congregation joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 563)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... and 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.

(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 564)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

(Please come forward to receive the communion elements. An Elder will give you a piece of bread. Take a cup from the tray (red cups contain wine and clear cups contain juice).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" GTG # 726
("The Summons")

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE: "Toccatà und Fuge in D-Moll" Johann Sebastian Bach
(*Please stand in body or spirit)

TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP:

Dan & Amy Loyer

Worship Leaders for this morning are John McCall and David Roquemore.

Elder on Call this week is Debby Reynolds.

This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. John McCall as he preaches and teaches us. John has been serving in Taiwan for over 20 years. He spends a lot of time on trains, buses, and subways as he travels throughout Taiwan teaching courses on ministry and spiritual formation at the seminaries of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan. John leads groups of pastors in different parts of Taiwan that meet monthly to find encouragement and challenge. "I have the privilege of accompanying both seminary students and pastors as they seek to be Christ's light and salt in this land," he says. Most every weekend, John is in a different church or presbytery teaching and preaching and equipping the leadership of the Taiwanese church. Many of these churches are indigenous, located in the high mountains, on the coast, or in Taiwan's teeming cities.

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Suzanne Rhinehart - Clerk of Session

PASTOR

Rev. Dr. David Roquemore

WELCOME NEWCOMERS – THERE ARE NO STRANGERS WITHIN THIS SANCTUARY: If you would like more information about the church and our programs, please stop by the visitor's table in the narthex.

1. You are in God's House. We want you to feel God's presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won't you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

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