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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Announcements

Minute for Mission

“OGHS”

Deb Stant

Prelude

“All for Jesus”

arr. Sprunger

For Prayer and Reflection:

Lord, you are our light and salvation. Show us your beauty today and fill us with the desire to seek after you always. Amen.

Call to Worship

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

With bright eyes, let us search.

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

With engaged minds, let us ponder.

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

With solid devotion, let us follow.

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

With humble intention, let us act.

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

With strong voices, let us sing.

Opening Prayer

****Hymn of Praise #649***

“Gather Us In” vv. 1,2,4

Gather Us In

Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
We are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;

Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not just in buildings, small and confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Special Music

“Meditation from Thais”

Massenet

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

“The Light of the World”

****Hymn of Response #350***

“The Summons” vv. 1,2,4

Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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.

****Sending Hymn #462***

“Renew Your Church” vv. 1,2,4

All Is Well

Renew your church, our ministries restore:
Both to serve and adore.
Make us again as salt throughout the land,
And as light from a stand.
'Mid somber shadows of the night,
Where greed and hatreds spread their blight,
O send us forth with power endued,
Help us, Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine,
On our path let it shine;
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace,
From each page show your face.
As you have loved us, sent your Son,
And our salvation now is won,
O let our hearts with love be stirred,
Help us, Lord, know your Word.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,
Each and all, humankind;
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate,
Leave us not to our fate.
As you have loved and given your life
To end hostility and strife,
O share your grace from heaven above,
Teach us, Lord, how to love.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. Forrest

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Emily Ott
Musician: Emily Ott

“Jesus I Never Knew” Daily Scripture Readings:

Day 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13
Day 2	1 John 3:16-20
Day 3	1 John 4:19
Day 4	Romans 5:20-21
Day 5	Ephesians 2:8-10

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