

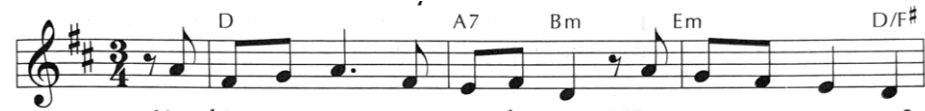
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* A.B. Warner

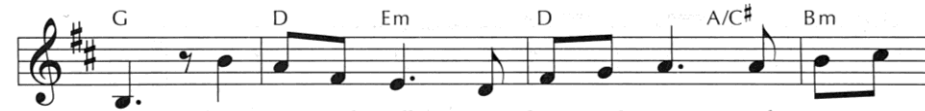
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

For the third Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, the soloist sings verse 1, and then the congregation repeats verses 1-3:



1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not
3 This food de-lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can



Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is
give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that



price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.
you may live; O hear that you may live.

Come, all who are thirsty.

Come, all who are hungry.

Come, all who are seeking.

Come, all who are straining to hear good news.

Come, all who labor.

Come, all who need rest.

Come—whether you're confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

Come into God's house.

All are welcome here.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us to bear fruit.

Yet, we confess that we mistake your call to bear fruit

with having to earn your love,

with straining to produce more things,

and with having to prove ourselves worthy.

We forget that you are calling us simply to respond

to the love you have already given us,

to the mercy with which you have already covered us,

and to the grace you have already set before us.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

help our roots grow deeply into your rich soil,

that we might bear fruit,

not from our anxious striving,

but from our joyful gratitude.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 466 (repeated)

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9, p. 598 (OT)

ANTHEM *Why We Sing* Greg Gilpin

A sound of hope, a sound of peace,

A sound that celebrates and speaks what we believe.

A sound of love, a sound so strong,

It's amazing what is given when we share a song.

Refrain: This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,

Why we stand as one in harmony!

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,

Take my hand and sing with me!

Sooth a soul, mend a heart, bring together lives

That have been torn apart.

Share the joy, find a friend,

It's a never-ending gift that circles back again. *Refrain*

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,

Why we stand as one in harmony!

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,

Take my hand and sing with me!

Music builds a bridge, it can tear down a wall!

Music is a language, that can speak to one and all! *Refrain*

This is why we sing, we sing, we sing!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:1-9, p. 848 (NT)

SERMON "Full to the Brim: You Are Worthy"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the God of all creation is at work here.

We believe that God is fertilizing the soil.

We believe that God is giving growth to roots.

We believe that God is calling us to bear fruit.

And we believe that,

if our work does not bear fruit, God is merciful;

if our soil grows dry and cracked, God waters us;

if our shoots are slow to grow, God shines light on us.

The God of all creation is at work here,

patiently waiting on us,

persistently calling to us.

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *O Happy Day* E.F. Rimbault

Doxology (Hymnal, back page)

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your

kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the

time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the

power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* George Duffield, Jr.

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Margaret Marsh
Today's greeter: Margaret Marsh
Today's usher: Herschel & Linda Lewis

Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

The 20th-century theologian Karl Barth said that "to clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." So, this coming Tuesday at 7:00 PM, join us for a prayerful uprising against the disorder and violence being inflicted on Ukraine. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a one-hour Prayer Vigil via Zoom. It will be a time of directed prayer that will include prayer prompts and photos. Please feel free to drop in during the vigil, as you are able, for a portion of the hour. Or, stay on the whole time.

Humanitarian Aid

We feel helpless as we see the invasion of Ukraine in our media. How else can we respond to our neighbors in need? Giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is one way to help. Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food, shelter, medicines, diapers, and hygiene items. Visit pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine to learn more about what Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is doing in Ukraine.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 27 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 13.

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New Hope COVID Policy

Mask Up! Everyone, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, is required to wear a mask while inside the church.

Air Purifier in the Sanctuary

In order to increase our safety in the sanctuary, we have purchased an air purifier, a Medify MA-112, which has a medical-grade HEPA filter and ionizer. It is able to filter particles as small as 0.1 microns (the coronavirus is slightly larger at 0.125 microns). It also provides about two complete air exchanges per worship service.

Please sanitize your hands upon entry. Hand sanitizer is available at all entry points and in various other locations around the building. Remember to keep your hands washed as needed.

Please stay away from church if you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

Please do not move any of the chairs in the sanctuary. Our new seating layout took a lot of exact measuring and effort to set up, so we would appreciate it if you would refrain from moving seats.

Please observe a "touchless" Passing of the Peace of Christ.

While individuals may use their own discretion about accepting hugs and handshakes outside of the sanctuary, during the passing of the peace we will refrain from touching so that those who aren't comfortable with that yet aren't put on the spot. (And, when you're outside the sanctuary, please ask before you hug someone to make sure they're comfortable.)

Please do not let the Narthex get crowded. We will not be serving coffee or food after worship for now. As you leave the sanctuary, please make a conscious effort to help the Narthex not get too crowded by spreading into outdoor spaces to socialize if a lot of people are present.

Please know that the Session may change this policy, either by loosening or tightening these restrictions, as circumstances change.

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We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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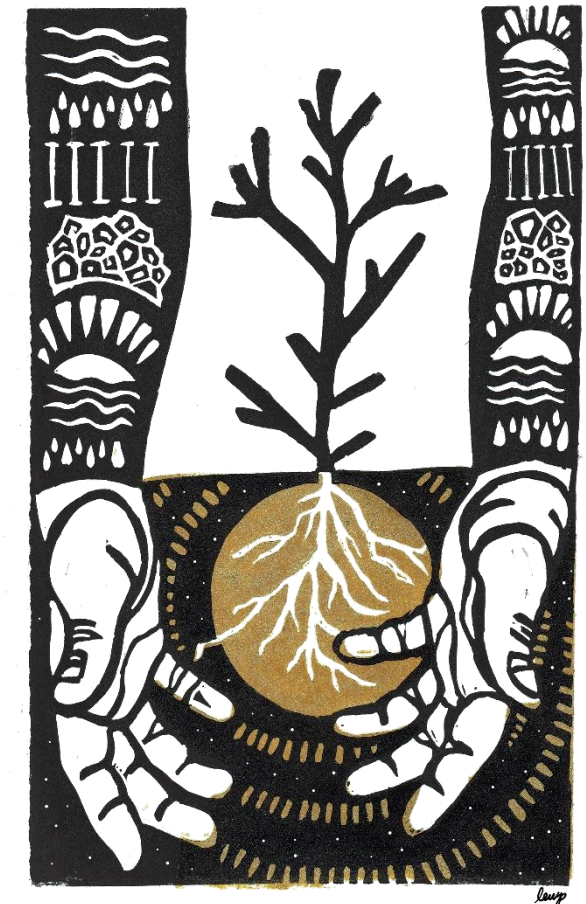
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
11 o'clock



"You Are Worthy"



"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it..." (Luke 13:6)