



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Second Sunday of Lent

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Invention No 1 in C major, BWV 772

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1-5

Jim Bryant, liturgist

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened to you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

**You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has invited the church into covenant, calling us to be a faithful people who walk in the ways of Christ Jesus. Yet how often do we explore what that means or examine our behavior with that of Jesus Christ's? A time of confession gives us the opportunity to reclaim and grow in our relationship with God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have been tempted to go our own way without reference to your eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. We engage in immorality in the name of freedom and become enslaved by our selfish ambitions. Forgive us and grant us wisdom to make better choices about the manner in which we live our lives. We offer up our individual confessions in the silence of this moment.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God grants us strength to overcome temptation and offers us an opportunity to begin anew as we seek God's will for our lives. God's mercy is abundant. God's love is everlasting. God's provision for us is extravagant. God's ways are beyond our own. Let us praise God with the choices we make to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

What Wondrous Love Is This?
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

American Folk Hymn
arr. Mark Hayes

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53

SERMON

"God's Kingdom Come and God's Will Be Done"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Partita No 3 in E major for solo violin. BWV 1006. 2. Louré
Carolyn Cronauer, violin

J. S. Bach

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR 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

We Are Sent in God's Name

HYMN #771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

CHARGE & BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

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