



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Fourth 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

In The Garden

C. Austin Miles
(arr. J. Holter, for Woody Wood)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6: 6,8

Russ Lemken, liturgist

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

**He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

HYMN #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illuminated by grace. (Ephesians 5: 8-10)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we are people who still love the darkness rather than the light of your love and mercy. We keep shameful deeds secret, and flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but are quick to pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, and step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, for the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We offer up our individual confessions in the silence of this moment.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

There is a Redeemer
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Melody Green

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-13 and 18:21-35

SERMON

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Etude in E major, Op 10, No 3 (excerpt)

Frederic Chopin

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE 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 #444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

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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