



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 20, 2022
11:00am
Third 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

Prelude in G minor

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 23

Jesse Riggs, Liturgist

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul,
though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ calls us to turn away from behavior or attitudes or perceptions that deny the possibility of new life. Jesus calls us to return to God who is the source of our life and new life and who offers us mercy, pardon and transformation. Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us call upon God who is always near.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You set before us many blessings and opportunities for growth and new life. But we confess that we are drawn to things and systems which do not satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we seek to amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. Hear now our individual silent prayers of confession.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In gratitude for God's mercy, we seek to be transformed and walk the way Jesus Christ sets before us.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS #437 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-9

SERMON

"The Transforming Power of Jesus: What Do You Want Jesus to Do for You?"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

Feast on the Word of the Lord

Sally DeFord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #616**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Matt Limbaugh

OLD HUNDRED

We Are Sent in God's Name

***HYMN #803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and lead me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #549**

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.

POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer

Terry Osman

(The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.)

***You are invited to stand.**

Hearing assistance devices are available on the credenza in the narthex or from an usher.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Jesse Riggs, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director Linda Althoff, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Tom Lee, Dan Smith
Audio / video: Steve Bridgman, Ron Skinner Worship Ministry Team Co-Chairs: Joanne Lang, Christina Brizendine

The Session discussed our policy regarding Covid 19. Currently, we are mandating that masks be worn during worship. Because of the rise of a new variant and the infection rate, while down, continues to be high, and in an abundance of caution, the Session voted to maintain this mask mandate. We continue to monitor the situation and the Session is diligent in putting the safety of our congregation first.

If you have prayer requests, please contact Pastor Debbie, revdebbieo@aol.com or the church office, 252-355-2273 or gail@peacepresbyterian.org.