



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 27, 2022
11:00am
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

Prelude No 1 in C, BWV 846, from Well-Tempered Clavier, Vol 1

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 8

Christina Brizendine, Liturgist

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, morals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN #22

God of the Sparrow

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live with a constant awareness of your abundant blessings to us. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you and blame others. We doubt your promise to provide for us and we fear scarcity. We find it difficult to be generous in our response to you and to others. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Forgive our jealousies, our self-righteous judgments, our resentment when you choose to love the people we believe to be unlovable. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joy filled lives. Hear now our individual silent prayers of confession.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!

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

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

SERMON

"The Transforming Power of Jesus: Lost and Found"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Gilbert Martin

***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

Prelude in E minor, Op 28, No 4

Frederic Chopin

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #616**

OLD HUNDRED

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We Are Sent in God's Name

***HYMN #187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

***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

Sonatina in F major, Op 36, No 4

M. Clementi

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

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christina Brizendine, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Ruth Hines, Jim Bryant
Audio / video: John Daugherty, Christopher Dennis
Worship Ministry Team Co-Chairs: Joanne Lang, Christina Brizendine