



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 6, 2022
11:00am
First 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

Go to Dark Gethsemane
Peace Handbell Quartet

arr. John Holter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91

Tom Doumaux, Liturgist

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness.

For he will give the angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*HYMN #43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we continue to be imprisoned by the world's sinfulness. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring now our confession before the One who has the power to break the power of sin over us and within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you are our refuge and our strength. Forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity and mutual community you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to resist the temptation to pursue power, praise, and security over our commitment to follow where you lead us. Lift us up when we journey through the wilderness. Hear us as we call to you and guide us into the future of your design. Hear now our individual silent prayers of confession.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is limitless and everlasting.

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 4: 1-13

SERMON

"God Will Lift You Up"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

Call to Lent Quodlibet on WONDROUS LOVE, HAMBURG

THE OFFERING

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Nocturne in G minor, Op 37, No. 1

F. Chopin

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

OLD HUNDRED

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts – gifts entrusted to our care and for sharing with others. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised kingdom with all of creation. In Jesus' name we pray, just as we would live. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We Are Sent in God's Name

***HYMN #166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

*** 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.

POSTLUDE

From "For Children" Book 1: 21. Vigoroso

Bela Bartok

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

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Tom Doumaux, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Peace Handbell Quartet
Ushers: Carla Smith, Jan Skinner Communion Team: Christina Brizendine, Pam & Paul Gares, Jan Skinner
Audio / video: Steve Bridgman, Ron Skinner Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

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.

During this time of Lent, our sanctuary is adorned with banners displaying the Hebrew words for Lenten themes. From the narthex doors to the front, the banners read "sacrifice," "prayer," "service," "redemption," "charity," "forgiveness," and "shalom." Pastor Debbie will be preaching on these subjects throughout the season as we await the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The banners were made by members of the congregation in coordination with the worship committee.

Lent is the season of the church year when we consider the multitude of ways our sin distorts God's intention for our creation. Implied in this understanding of sin as a distortion of God's creative purposes, God's creative purposes for our lives and all of creation can be restored or healed if we acknowledge our complicity. We can change! We can experience life as God intends. We can be open to and participate in this transformation through God's power, because "all things are possible through God." During the Sundays of Lent we will consider the lives of various people from the gospels, whose lives were transformed by the power of Jesus Christ to make all things new.