

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for March 7, 2021

Lent

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.
Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.
We have come to hear the Word God has sent.
God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
—based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Anthem

Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Let us confess our sins to almighty God.
—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

**If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the
morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.—based on Psalm 130:3-6, NIV**

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, NRSV

Our Response **306 Fairest Lord Jesus (verses 1&2)**

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

***Hymn 302 I Danced in the Morning**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

[Refrain]

**Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me and the dance went on. [Refrain]**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance, and I still go on. [Refrain]**

**They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;**

**I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. [Refrain]**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

20:1 Then God spoke all these words:

20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.

20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,

20:6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

20:7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

20:8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

20:10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

20:13 You shall not murder.

20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

20:15 You shall not steal.

20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 2:13-22

2:13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2:14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

2:15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

2:16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

2:18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

2:22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon – **God's Promises: Holy Worship Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

*Hymn **298 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.**

Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response

God of Grace and God of Glory

**God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

Postlude

Liturgist: Wayne Williams

Soloist: Jessica Hitchcock

Head Deacons: Linda Baines & Karen Sassaman

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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