

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Dobrinski
(11 am) RCPC Handbell Choir Glenna Fisher, flute

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 63)

O God, you are our God, we seek you, our soul thirsts for you;
our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is
no water.

**So we look upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your
power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise
you.

**So we will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our
hands and call on your name.**

May the Lord's name be praised!

*** HYMN** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* #229

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord our God, your gift to us is steadfast love and life
through Christ our Savior. Your desire is that we live in that
love and share it with the world.**

**We confess that we have taken your gift of love and put it in
the closet like an unwanted garment; that we have received
your gift of life and put it on the shelf like an unread book.**

**All the while our souls cry out for meaning, our lives thirst
for You, our world struggles to know hope. Forgive us we
pray.**

Silent Confession

**Trusting in your grace through Christ, we turn to you in our
need. We seek you in this place, in this time. We lift our lives
to you in penitence and humble devotion.**

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Fill us with your love
and life again. Help us to share our lives with the world you
love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ.

**And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in
power for us, Christ prays for us.**

* = Please rise as you are able

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*** GLORIA PATRI** *Glory Be to the Father* #579

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the Word of the Lord endures forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Children's Worship follows immediately

***HYMN** *God Marked a Line and Told the Sea* #283
(Tune #238)

SERMON *Haiti, Chile, and Our House* Tupper Garden

Offering of Our Lives to God

"...unless you repent, you will perish as they did."

Let us all ponder in silence all that is happening in our lives, and let us
with renewed commitment, offer ourselves and our gifts for ministry to
the service of Jesus Christ in the world. (Silence)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

O God our creator and redeemer.

In your wisdom, you made all things

and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image

to love and serve you,

but we forgot your promises

and abandoned your commandments.

In your mercy, you did not reject us

but still claimed us as your own.

When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us

and led us through the waters of the sea.

You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness,

and satisfied our thirst from desert springs.

On the holy mountain you gave us your law

to guide us in your way.

Through the waters of Jordan

you led us into the land of your promise,

and you sustained us in times of trial.

You spoke through prophets

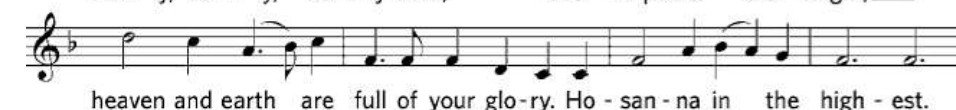
calling us to turn from our willful ways

to new obedience and righteousness.

You sent your only Son

to be the way to eternal life.

**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with celestial
choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, who
forever sing to the glory of your name:**



You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

He took upon himself the weight of our sin

and carried the burden of our guilt.

He shared our life in every way,

and though tempted, was sinless to the end.

Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death

and by your power was raised to new life.

In his dying and rising,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,

we take this bread and this wine

from the gifts you have given us,

and celebrate with joy

the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

as a living and holy offering of ourselves,

that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

According to his commandment:
**We remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break
 and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,
 and with all who are baptized in his name,
 that we may be one in ministry in every place.
 As this bread is Christ's body for us,
 send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call
 to love all your children,
 to do justice and show mercy,
 and to live in peace with your whole creation.
 Guide us through the desert of life,
 quench our thirst with the living waters,
 satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven.
 Give us strength to serve you faithfully
 until the promised day of resurrection,
 when with the redeemed of all the ages
 we will feast with you at your table in glory.**

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty
 Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and
 forever. **Amen.**

Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing the Sacrament

Prayer of Response & the Lord's Prayer

("sins" replacing "debts", "those who sin against us" replacing "debtors")

REGISTRY OF ATTENDANCE & THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Friedell
 (11 am) Sanctuary Choir Deanne Vance, accompanist
 Text: Hymn 504

* **DOXOLOGY** #592
 * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

* **HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #356
CHARGE & BLESSING

Benediction Response *Hymn 508; verse 4* Stuttgart (tune)
*In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
 In the world to which You send us let Your kingdom come, O Lord.*

* = Please rise as you are able

* **POSTLUDE** *On Lasst Uns Erfreuen* Powell

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

3:00 PM Rumba Dancing Lessons
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Youth Group
 6:45 PM Handbell Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 AM Prayer Group
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 6:45 PM Board of Deacons (Off premises)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 AM Disciple Bible Study
 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Circles
 11:00 AM Presbyterian Women Meeting/Lunch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 AM Worship with Communion
 4:00 PM Kids' Kirk w/Dinner
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

4:30 PM Worship & Music
 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive (8:00-4:00 pm)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

8:15 AM Worship
 9:30 AM Church School
 10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee Time
 11:00 AM Worship
 3:00 PM Rumba Dancing Lessons
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Youth Group
 6:45 PM Handbell Choir

- ✦ **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.
- ✦ **Bob Lyon** died on March 2, 2010. We extend our **love and sympathy** to his wife Tweetie and family.
- ✦ The **flowers** in the church are from Bob's Memorial Service.
- ✦ **Sympathy** is extended to **Susan and Mark Currie and family** in the recent death of Susan's mother.
- ✦ **Hunger Offering** received February 28 totaled \$885.00.
- ✦ Weekly announcements are available by email, and printed copies are available in the narthex. If you have trouble locating a copy, please ask an usher.
- ✦ Make a reservation for our Fellowship Dinner (each Thursday) at 6 pm by signing the reservation book in the Gathering Area, email info@rcpres.org, or call the church.
- ✦ Today's Worship Leaders: *Prelude Speaker* – Mark Currie; *Ushers* - Frank and Saundria Plecity, Bill Honeycutt, Rod Poffenberger, Louis Newton, Russell Paul, Jon Stephenson, Sam Vance; *Acolytes* – Kelly Alcoke and Rebekah Wellons; *Children's Worship* – Donna McGuirt



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**To Seek Christ
 To Serve Christ
 To Show Christ
 To Know God through Christ**

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