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**Worship, March 20, 2022, 11:15 am**

**Gathering Around the Word**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Candle**

### **Centering Music**

### **+Call to Worship**

L: Lord, you are our God.

**P: We will praise you with joyful lips.**

L: Lord, you are our God.

**P: Our souls thirst for you.**

L: Lord, you are our God.

**P: We behold your power and majesty.**

L: Lord, you are our God.

**P: We will bless you all of the days of our lives.**

Let us pray: **Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

[www.Ministrymatters.com](http://www.Ministrymatters.com)

**+Song:** *I Will Call Upon the Lord (2002) (2x)*

## **Call to Confession**

This is the proof of God’s great love: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God’s grace, let us make our confessions to God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence.)**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: God’s love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 235-236). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Response of Praise** *Bless the Lord, My Soul (2013) (3x)*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

## **The Peace**

**Anthem** *None Other Lamb* by Craig Courtney

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed;**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 237). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9** Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Hymn** *When A Poor One (407)*

**Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9** At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

### **Sermon**

## Responding to the Word

### Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.**

### Celebration of Holy Communion

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Chorus (all):** *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

*The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)*

*Holy is the Lord!*

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 387). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

#### Communion of the People

**Chorus (all):** *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not hunger*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

#### Prayer After Communion

## Taking the Word into the World

**+Song:** *You Shall Go Out With Joy (The Trees of the Field) (2279)*

**+Charge** God has called us all to bear witness to hope and goodness. Know that you have been healed of all that prevents you from serving God. Go forth with God's love and blessing to bring Good News to this hurting world.

### +Benediction

**+Stand as you are able**

## HYMNS

### **I Will Call Upon the Lord (2x)**

I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)  
 Who is worthy to be praised (who is worthy to be praised)  
 So shall I be saved from my enemies (So shall I be saved from my enemies)  
 I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted  
 The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
 Sing a new song to the Lord, he who

### **When A Poor One**

When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,  
 When the thirsty water gives unto us all,  
 When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,  
 Then we know that God still goes that road with us; then we know that God still goes that road with us

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,  
 When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,  
 When we love though hate at times seems all around us,  
 Then we know that God still goes that road with us; then we know that God still goes that road with us

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,  
 When our lips can speak no other words other than true,  
 When we know that love for simple things is better,  
 Then we know that God still goes that road with us; then we know that God still goes that road with us

### **The Trees of the Field**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
 The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
 They'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
 The trees of the field will clap their hands as you go out with joy.

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Scriptures for Sunday, March 27

Joshua 5:9–12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16–21  
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
Nita Kleier  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emille Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Sandi Brown  
Kittie Dupps  
Skip Dixon & Family  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

### Upcoming Worship Services:

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

### Updated Contact Information:

Has any of your contact information changed in the last year? If so, contact Stephanie in the church office to update your information.

### Save the Date - CLASP Carrabba's Spring FUNd-Raiser:

On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5-6, Carrabba's restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd-raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant that day, Carrabba's will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Both dine-in and carryout meals will qualify for a donation. Coupons will be available shortly in the bulletin, Community of Faith website and Facebook page.

### Lenten Bible Study:

Join us on Sundays at 7 pm for a Lenten Bible Study via Zoom. Contact Rev. Sharon for more information.

### Liturgist Sign-Up:

Liturgists are needed for March and April. If you haven't served as liturgist for a while, now is your chance! There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the front door.

### "One Great Hour of Sharing" Special Offering:

According to PCUSA.org, "A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed." This special offering will be collected from March 2 – April 17.

### Time and Talents:

Please be on the lookout for a "time and talents sheet" that will be coming soon. We're in need of counters, liturgists, Sunday School leaders, and COF/ CSPC Join Actions Team members, among other things. You have a talent to share, we have needs—it all comes together!