



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 3, 2024

Regular type, leader reads; **Bold type, all read**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: "If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me."

Christ calls us to come to worship.

**P: To rest from the things that are troubling us,
To learn what Christ can teach us about life,
To realize what we can offer to others,
And to return into the world to serve.**

L: Come, let us worship God.

+Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King #15

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Please join in the prayer of confession.

L: 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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

P: For this is how we will know that we are following God and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us.

L: For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

(Moment of silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Be at peace. **Amen.**

Response of Praise *It is Good to Sing Your Praises (verse 1) #682*

Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Anthem

Scripture Reading John 2:13-22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 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. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 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 Rev. Trent Holden

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from Psalm 19:7-9)

All: The law of the Lord is perfect; reviving the soul, making wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes, enduring forever, and righteous altogether. Amen.

Offering Prayer

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; in the way of Jesus the 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.**

Communion

Joys and Concerns

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Oh God, Who Gives Us Life #53*

+Charge and Benediction

Toll free conference call number (605) 313-5521, access code 1204749#

(Cell phone charges may apply)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

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Scriptures for

Sunday, March 10

Exodus 20:1–17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18–25
John 2:13–22

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ella Grace Marksberry
Jean Jennings' Family
Jo Shade
Johanna Willis
Kelly Montana
Kleier Family
Lynda Jaeger
McDermott Family
Ron Carlin
Ruth Roeber

Supporting the Work of the Presbytery & the Denomination with Per Capita

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of us, as members of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Presbytery, as well as the Synod and General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers. It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives. It has supported our ministries at COF through grants to CLASP and for equipment purchases for our virtual church services. Please prayerfully consider (if you have not yet done so this year) donating the \$34 per capital apportionment set by the Presbytery, for each church member.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

During the Lenten Season, the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special PCUSA offering will be collected until Easter Sunday, March 31.

*In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression
Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water,
sanitation, education, and opportunity.*

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

- PCUSA Website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>