



March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in G Major BWV 550
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145: 8-13

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

"Sing Praise"
Mark Patterson

IPC Singers
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship**

Roselyne Oeliner

Leader: God, we gather to give you thanks for your grace that reaches out, your patience that waits for our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

People: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you!

Leader: We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.

People: Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise (Insert) "God Himself Is with Us"**

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen, 1729; Music: Joachim Neander, 1680

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

People: Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We are sorry for the sins we have done against you. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

People: You have removed our sins from us, as far as the east is from the west. Your love for us is as high as the heavens are above the earth.

With you, Lord, is unfailing love. You have fully redeemed your children.

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among you?

People: Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. (James 3:13)

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Words: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

"Your Word Is a Lamp to Guide Us"

Rolf Schweizer

IPC Singers

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 147:1-6 (p. 632)

Roselyne Oeliner

New Testament Reading

Matthew 19:23-30 (p. 987)

Sermon

"The Making of a Disciple: Knowing Your Place"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response (Insert) "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"**

Words: anonymous, 1878; Music: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Remi Tobler, Elder for Outreach
& Missions

Offertory

“Hymn of Promise”
Natalie Sleeth

IPC Singers

*Doxology

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Testimony

Matt Kägi

Prayers of the People

Remi Tobler

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Remi Tobler

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923

*Sending and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

“Amen”
Philip E. Baker

IPC Singers

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BuxWV 157
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly

***Please stand if you are able.**

Today’s bulletin cover features Anthony van Dyck’s “The Apostle Saint Peter” (17th century).
(https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Van_Dyck_-_BUST_OF_THE_APOSTLE_PETER.jpg).