



Sunday, March 23, 2025  
Third 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 heart and mind for worship.*

### **Prelude**

Prelude from Partita no 1 in B flat Major BWV 825  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Piano

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

### **Welcome and Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Introit**

"Come Worship the Lord"

Words & Music: Earlene Rentz (based on Psalm 95:1)

IPC Singers

Chandler Cudlipp, Director

### **\*Call to Worship**

Manuel Constam

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

### **\*Hymn of Praise #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

**People: Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,

**People: so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

### **God's Will for Our Lives (Matthew 20:25-28)**

Leader: Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.

**People: Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

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

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

IPC Singers

Music: Howard Nelson

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 53:4-6 (pp. 741-742)

Manuel Constam

### **Meditation**

"Open the Gates"

IPC Singers

Words & Music: Stan Pethel

### **New Testament Reading**

Romans 3:21-26 (pp. 1130-1131)

## Sermon

“Jesus Saves! Christ our Substitute”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #370** “Just As I Am Without One Plea”

**Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Maio Chen, Elder for Personnel,  
Property & Planning

### Offertory

“Hymn of Promise”

IPC Singers

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth

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

**Prayers of the People**

Maio Chen

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

## GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

**Welcoming of Guests**

Maio Chen

### Announcements

**\*Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

**\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### Choral Amen

“Amen”

IPC Singers

Danish

### Postlude

Gigue from Partita no 1 in B flat Major BWV 825

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Piano

*Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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

*During our worship services in Lent, our bulletin covers will feature photographs of various iconic “Jesus Saves” signs, many of which appeared outside of street missions in the United States. Today’s bulletin cover features a sign from downtown Los Angeles that first was displayed by the Church of the Open Door.*