



 **IPC**

March 3, 2024

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 hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 567
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 63:1-3

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

*Call to Worship

Peter Chen

Leader: People of God, worship the living God today!

People: Remember that rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, our Jesus endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Leader: Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.

People: With the saints of all ages we say, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12-31)

*Hymn of Praise #189 "As Deer Long for the Streams"

Text: Christopher L. Webber; Music: *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

People: We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and others.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

People: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

People: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"
Text: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Song

"Nets of Love"

Text: Trilby Jordan; Music: F. Thomas Simpson

Children's Choir
Christine Weeks, Director
Janet Deden, Piano

Children's Message

Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

Rev. Mark van Stee

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 42:1-5 (pp. 567-568)

Peter Chen

Meditation

Adagio from "Concerto for Flute" op. 55 in F Major
Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770 – 1846)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

Mark 8:27-38 (p. 1012)

Sermon

"The Making of a Disciple: Taking up Your Cross"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #393** "Take up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Text: Charles William Everest; Music: Attr. Freeman Lewis

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Susan Knüsel, Elder for Fellowship
& Special Events

Offertory

Choral Prelude upon "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Ruth Pfister, Organ

BWV 618 from "Orgelbüchlein"

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Susan Knüsel

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

Susan Knüsel

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication #281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Text: William Williams, trans. Peter & William Williams; Music: John Hughes

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Allabreve in D Major BWV 589

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach:

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 Peter Paul Rubens, "St. Peter the Apostle" (ca. 1611).

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