



Sunday, March 30, 2025
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 heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

"Lied ohne Worte" ("Song without Words") op. 19 no 1 in E Major
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Ruth Pfister, Piano

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

*Call to Worship

Dorothy Kwan

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

*Hymn of Praise #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***The Apostles' Creed** (ecumenical, p. 14)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 59:1-2 (p. 747)

Dorothy Kwan

Meditation

"In Jesus' Name"

Music: Katy Nichole, Ethan Hulse, Jeff Pardo and David Spencer

Claire & Heather Altermatt, Vocals

Sebastian Pazmandi, Piano

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (pp. 1161-1162)

Sermon

"Jesus Saves! Reconciliation Through Christ"

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response** (Insert) "Tell Out, My Soul"

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Joël Duss, Elder for Communication
and Membership Involvement

Offertory

Three Chorales

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 140/7

"Auf, auf, mein Herz, mit Freuden" BWV 441 (Tune: Johann Crüger – 1648)

"Ich bin's, ich sollte büßen" from Matthäus-Passion BWV 244/10

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Sebastian Pazmandi, Piano

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

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Joël Duss

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication #442** "The Church's One Foundation"

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude

Consolation no 5 in E Major (1850) Andantino

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Ruth Pfister, Piano

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

****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 Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Illinois.