



Central Presbyterian Church

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3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

God our Father, in your infinite love and goodness, accept the humble admission of our guilt, and when our conscience weighs us down, let your unfailing mercy raise us up. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 29:7-9, 14**

L: The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.

P: The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

L: The Commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart.

P: The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.

L: Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever.

P: The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.

L: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you,

P: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***Hymn**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

PH #85

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son. You have promised us Your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we sometimes neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not always love what You love. We do not always embrace what You embrace. We do not always defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and our hope for years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

Chancel Choir *“Jesus, to the Table Led”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading John 2:13-22

Sermon *“The True Temple”* Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith – *Good News Confession

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

***Hymn** *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* **PH #84**

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper **(Insert)**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn** *“To God Be the Glory”* **PH #485**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude “

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

GREETER/USHER: David Drake

LITURGIST: Marilyn Montgomery

COMMUNION STEWARD: Marilyn Montgomery

PIANIST: Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover