



Central Presbyterian Church

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4th 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)*

Radiant God, source of light, as You surrounded Jesus with Your glory, so You come to us in penetrating brightness. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 107:1-3, 17-21

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.

P: Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.

L: For He has gathered the exiles from many lands, from east and west, from north and south.

P: Some were fools; they rebelled and suffered for their sins.

L: They couldn't stand the thought of food, and they were knocking on death's door.

P: "Lord, Help!" They cried in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.

L: He sent out His word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death.

P: Let them praise the Lord for His great love and for the wonderful things He has done for them.

*Hymn *"O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"* **RED #229**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Search us, O God, and know our heart; try us and know our thoughts. See where there is darkness and sin and lead me in the way that leads to real abundant life. Holy and Merciful God, we confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned against You. We have sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, body and soul. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have broken Your heart and Your law by pursuing our own selfish desires. We have not listened to Your call and we have grieved Your Holy Spirit. Accept our prayers of repentance oh God. Know that we are sorry for choosing a path that ultimately hurts Your heart and kills ours. Free us for joyful obedience and renew us with the presence of Your Spirit. Now let us privately repent of the things we know are blocking us from His presence. 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading

John 3:14-21

Sermon

“For God so Loved the World”

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** ***“I Stand Amazed in the Presence” **RED #294**

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn**“My Lord Has Garments so Wondrous Fine”*** **RED #150**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude ***“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”*** **RED #51**

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

GREETER/USHER: Dave Long

LITURGIST: Camilla Long

PIANIST: Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

****Please stand, if able***

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