Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Barb Finch

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls, for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways, for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts, for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power. O come, let us worship the Lord!

Invocation

Barb Finch

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

<u>∲</u> Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Barb Finch

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious.

Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Barb Finch

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

You are our eternal hope;

you are patient and full of mercy;

you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,

you have taken away our sins.

On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions

and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death,

source of all comfort.

our life and our resurrection,

our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,

hope of all who die for you,

and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Barb Finch

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As recipients of abundant life in Christ,

we now offer our gifts to God.

Offering

Offertory I Stand in Awe

Women's Vocal Ensemble

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



I Will Be Still

Verse 1
Though the earth give way,
Though the mountains fall to the sea
Though its waters roar, I will cling to Thee

Pre-Chorus There is no fear as I look upon you

Chorus
I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.

Verse 2
Though the nations rage and creation yearns for the Lord,
Though the earth may melt,
I'm forever yours.

Pre-Chorus There is no fear as I look upon you Chorus
I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.

Bridge

Forever my refuge, forever my strength, forever my helper, forever my friend!

Pre-chorus
There is no fear, there is no fear,
there is no fear, as I look upon You.

Chorus (2x)
I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon The Servant King Val Fieo

Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45

- ³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we want you to do whatever we ask you."
- ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked them.
- ³⁷ They answered him, "Allow us to sit at your right and at your left in your glory."
- ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"
- ³⁹ "We are able," they told him.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. ⁴⁰ But to sit at my right or left is not mine to give; instead, it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten disciples heard this, they began to be indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them over and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Sermon "Suffering & Service" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

∰ Hymn 210

Jesus Paid it All

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

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Jesus, I Come

Verse 1
Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 2
Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm
Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 3
Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love

Out of despair into raptures above Upward forever on wings like a dove Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 4
Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bonnie Mecaughey and Dennis Lesher

