



Perinton Presbyterian Church

Good Morning & Welcome.
The back page has information about our
church worship that you may find helpful.



We know that all things
work together for good
for those who love God...

Romans 8:28

The Church in Worship

Sunday, March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

Our Gathering

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee ... arr. Roger Summers

↑ Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us in the midst of our lives:

People: "Pause a while and know that I am God."

Leader: God calls us from our fears and our questions and our longings:

People: "Stop and listen and learn that I am God."

Leader: Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

People: God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in times of trouble.

Leader: People of God, hope in our God enough for us to calm and quiet our souls like a child nestled in its parent's arms.

People: That is why we have come here: to worship God together!

↑ Hymn # 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

↑ Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gracious Spirit, give us the courage to look deep, to listen to the murmurs of the soul and to find the truths that bring life and hope. Forgive us for our hurry that bruises our inner wisdom and our worry that blocks your grace. Restore our inner sight that allows us to see your presence in the

common events of life, the ordinary experiences of living. O God, hear us. Loving God, heal us. AMEN

Silent Prayer and Reflection

↑ Assurance of Pardon.....

Leader: God vindicates and defends us. God comes to us in unexpected times and places, seeking entrance into our souls. Jesus Christ died loving us, giving all for our sakes. The barriers we erected against God and humanity are destroyed, so we can claim our oneness in Christ. Hope in God and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

↑ Response #581.....*Glory Be to the Father*

Special Music: (8:30) *Meditation on How Great Thou Art* arr. John Carr

Choir Anthem: (11:00) *If You Search With All Your Heart*.....

.....*by Craig Courtney*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Word

Children's Message

Scripture Readings **f**rom the Book of Ruth

Romans 8: 26-28a

Sermon: *When Bad Things Happen to Faithful People*

The Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald

↑ Hymn # 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

↑ Affirmation of Faith

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who, like a father, knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. AMEN

Our Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....arr. John Carr

↑ Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

↑ Prayer of Dedication.....

We whose faith is fragile marvel at your generous response to our needs, O God of love. You take the little we offer and turn it to great results. The more we give, the more your blessings abound, until we cannot count them all. Receive us as co-workers with Christ in the transforming work you seek to do throughout all the earth. AMEN

↑ Hymn: # 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

↑ Benediction

↑ Benediction Response *Go Out and Serve Him!*..... Besig and Price

Postlude: *Give Me Jesus*.....arr. Anna Laura Page