



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us
an eternal house, a temple of righteousness,
a place of gracious plenty for the hungry
and abundant life for the poor in spirit.*

Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ.

*Overturn the tables of corruption and greed
and upset the imbalance of injustice,
so that we may worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christus, der ist mein Leben

J. G. Walther

BRINGING THE LIGHT

LIGHTING THE SECOND AND THIRD LENTEN CANDLE

Revelation 7:17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Erica Phelps
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*SONG OF PRAISE

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

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FIRST SONG

Verses: soloists; Refrain: All sing

Surely, it is God who saves me: I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You gave us your law to guide us,
but we seek the wisdom of the world.
You made us a temple of living stones,
but we dishonor the body of Christ.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Instruct us in our foolishness
and strengthen us in our weakness
so that we may be holy and whole;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

Hymn 61

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 2:13-22

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Now to Praise the Name of Jesus

Michael Bedford

MESSAGE

Housecleaning

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

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JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Verse 1: soloists/choir; Verses 2-4: All

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did?

**Because grace is more abundant—
and sin more serious—
than we suppose.**

**However cruelly we may treat one another,
all sin is primarily against God.**

**God condemns sin,
yet never judges apart from grace.**

**In giving Jesus Christ to die for us,
God took the burden of our sin into God's own self
to remove it once and for all.**

**The cross in all its severity
reveals an abyss of sin
swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.**

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 45

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude on REPTON

Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

All Praise to the Father

300, v. 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Méditation

Jean Langlais

from *Suite Médiévale en forme de Messe Basse*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

systems, and co-dependency/relationship issues. Her discussion will focus on strategies parents can employ to diminish harmful codependent behaviors that emerge when a child (of any age) is abusing substances. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand. We give thanks for Thailand's support for refugees from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam; for those working on behalf of exploited children; for the Christian Conference of Asia and the Myanmar Council of Churches; and for Buddhist and Christian dialogue, which strives to break down old barriers and find common cause for hope and peace. We pray for children in Myanmar, especially the child soldiers, orphans, refugees, and those forced into labor and prostitution; for those imprisoned unjustly and who endure spiritual and physical oppression; for women and girls and their protection from rape and forced labor; for the stateless Rohingyas from Rakhon State and other internally displaced people and refugees; for Christians in Myanmar who undergo discrimination and forced reconversion to majority religions; and for those struggling to rebuild their lives after the destruction of tsunamis and typhoons; for an end to corruption and crime, drug use and sex tourism.

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to February 28, 2015			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2015 Budget
Pledges	\$22,308.37	\$24,998.66	\$149,992.00
Other Income	\$3,365.35	\$5,598.98	\$33,594.00
Total Income	\$25,673.72	\$30,597.64	\$183,586.00
Total Expenses	\$28,933.56	\$30,992.00	\$185,954.00

SUNDAY**March 8**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

TUESDAY**March 10**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting

WEDNESDAY**March 11**

- 12:00 P.M. – Lenten Service at McFarlin UMC
No Kid's Club
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**March 15**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study