



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Worship Service for the Lord's Day

February 26, 2023
8:15 AM
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Wondrous Grace

Mary Ann Fritz

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Roger Owens

Call to Worship

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:

You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 32 (OT, pg. 506)
Matthew 4:1-11 (NT, pg. 3)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Finding God Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnston

Offering

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the

sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God...

...joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son...

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

John Purifoy

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Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnston. Dr. Giver-Johnston is the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. An ordained PC(USA) minister, Dr. Giver-Johnston holds a PhD in preaching from Vanderbilt University and is the author of three books, most recently, *For Every Matter under Heaven: Preaching on Special Occasions*.

Participants Today

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