



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the Lord's Day

February 26, 2023
11:00 AM
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Echo Fantasia in A Minor
Prelude on a Folk Hymn (*Lonesome Valley*)

Jan Pieter Sweelinck
Francis Jackson

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Roger Owens

Introit

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (*from Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall. He is at thy right hand.

*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!

***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. Amen. Amen.

***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.

Children's Message

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

Children attending Kid's Church may follow Pastor Lori.

Scripture Reading

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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version)

Hymnal Intro., p.17

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Offering

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

Offertory Anthem

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Clarence Dickinson

Jesus, refuge of the weary, object of the Spirit's love, fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above, O how oft thine eyes, offended, gaze upon the sinner's fall! Yet, upon the cross extended, thou didst bear the pain of all. Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow, though we see thee, wounded, bleeding, see thy thorn-encircled brow! Yet thy sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace and rest, only what thy grace has taught us calms the sinner's stormy breast. Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for thee! May our eyes be ever turning to thy cross of agony. So, in pain and rapture blending, might our fading eyes grow dim. And the freed heart rise ascending to the circling cherubim. Then in glory, parted never from the Savior's sheltering side graven on our hearts forever be the cross and Crucified. Then the wounds, with which he bought us, we shall worship evermore. And the Shepherd good who sought us, with enraptured hearts adore.

Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano; Logan Newman, bass

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 169**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rest

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Thy Mercy, Lord, Is Great

Felix Mendelssohn

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

***Postlude**

Fugue in G Minor ("Little")

Johann Sebastian Bach

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

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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Louise van Mook, Logan Newman, Jack Oehrle, Ray Overmyer, Wilberta Pickett,
Takako Petek, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Joanne Welsh, Zachary Wood

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