



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the
Lord's Day

March 12, 2023
11:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Adagio (from Oboe Concerto in C Minor)
Cynthia Anderson, oboe

Benedetto Marcello

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Introit

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

*Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

**The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Let us pray:

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.

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

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. 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 Readings

Exodus 17:1-7 (OT, pg. 64)

John 4:1-26, 28-29, 39-42 (NT, pg. 94)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Like Carrying a Weight"

Rev. Roger Owens

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

The Lord is My Shepherd (from Requiem)

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (Psalm 23)

Cynthia Anderson, oboe

***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 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Thou of Life the Fountain Art

Aberystwyth

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

***Postlude**

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllman

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Participants Today

Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)
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Andrew Boag, tenor
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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy,
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Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Scott Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall,
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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