



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the Lord's Day

March 3, 2024
8:15 AM
Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude Wondrous Love Charles Callahan

Welcome and Invitations Rev. Ginger Thomas

Call to Worship Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us God's holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

***Hymn 415** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Restoration

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of 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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

Scripture Readings

Psalms 63:1-8 (OT, pg. 527)

Mark 9:42-48 (NT, pg. 45)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Freedom from the Idol of Pleasure Rev. Roger Owens

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.

The asterisk (*) in the bulletin invites you to rise in body or spirit.
Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty....
...earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem...
...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them...
...your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **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

Today we will receive by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

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

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Charles Callahan

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Participants Today

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