



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service
for the Lord's Day

March 5, 2023
11:00 AM
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Sonata II in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

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

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

We come this day expecting to encounter Jesus.

We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

May we open our hearts to Him.

May our lives be healed and strengthened for service.

Let us pray:

Lord God, in this season of Lent, we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit would blow through this place and renew in us today our anticipation of these events, through which we can be born anew. Amen.

*Hymn 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deo Gracias

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*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

Genesis 12:1-4a (OT, pg. 10)

John 3:1-17 (NT, pg. 93)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Know

Rev. Roger Owens

Offering

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

Offertory Anthem

I Waited for the Lord (from Hymn of Praise)

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me. He heard my complaint.

Kelly Lynch, soprano; Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano

*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

Invitation to the 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 to the Lord.**

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

Blessings and thanks belong to you, promising God...

...and with all the company of heaven, singing your unending praise:

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,". The lyrics are written below the notes.

all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Faithful God, in Jesus you fulfilled all righteousness...
...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen,
Christ the Lord will come a - - gain.

Generous God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son...
...ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A - - - men, a - - - men.
A - - - men, a - - - men.

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.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Today we will receive communion in our pews. We will serve the bread first. Take a piece of bread from a tray as it is passed to you, and eat. A server will be walking down the center aisle with gluten-free, sealed elements. Please raise your hand and this server will pass the gluten free elements to you. When the cups are passed in the pew, hold on to your cup. Once everyone has received a cup, we will drink together at the same time.

Communion Music My Song Shall Be Alway Thy Mercy (from Hymn of Praise) Felix Mendelssohn
My song shall be alway thy mercy, singing thy praise, O God. My tongue speaks the goodness thou hast done unto me. My song shall be alway thy mercy, thy praise, thou only God, ever thy praise, O God. I wander in night, and foulest darkness, and my enemies stand threatening around. Yet called I upon the name of the Lord, and he redeemed me with watchful goodness.
 Kelly Lynch, soprano; Andrew Boag, tenor

Prayer after Communion

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path of eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit and renewed by your grace at this meal, may joyfully serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 774**

There is Now a New Creation

Stuttgart

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. He heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

***Postlude**

Canzona (from Folkloric Suite)

Jean Langlais

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy,
 Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcyk, Beth Lockwood,
 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

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and in memory of our lost loved ones by Susie and George Dull.

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