



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

March 12, 2023
8:15 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

○ Spirit All Embracing

Sylvia Oines

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

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

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

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!

*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

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.

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.**

Living God, you created all things out of nothing...

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

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!

Overflowing God, in you we discover...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Cleansing God, bring the healing power of your living water...

...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **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

For All the Faithful Women

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Participants Today

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