



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

March 19, 2023
8:15 AM
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

The Lone, Wild Bird

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Call to Worship

Welcome, pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

*Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve. But we see life the other way round: to get where we do not give, to exploit whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned. As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In your name, Lord, we pray.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

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

John 9:1-23 (NT, pg. 102)

John 9:24-41 (NT, pg. 103)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

To Reveal God's Works

Rev. Roger Owens

Offering

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God...

...joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son...

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **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

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Charles Callahan

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