

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the Lord's Day



March 3, 2024
11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude	Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn (<i>Wondrous Love</i>)	<i>Samuel Barber</i>
Welcome and Invitations		Rev. Ginger Thomas
Introit	I Will Arise and Go to Jesus <i>I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.</i> Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano	<i>Southern Folk Melody</i>
*Call to Worship	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.	Rev. Rebecca DePoe
*Hymn 415	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	<i>Restoration</i>

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.

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.
Children attending Kids' Church may meet Pastor Lori in the Narthex at this time.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 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.

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Cry, O God

Peter Pindar Stearns

Hear my cry, O God, and listen to my prayer. I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart. Set me upon the rock that is higher than I. I will dwell in your house forever; I will take refuge under the cover of your wings. (Psalm 61:1-2, 4)

*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

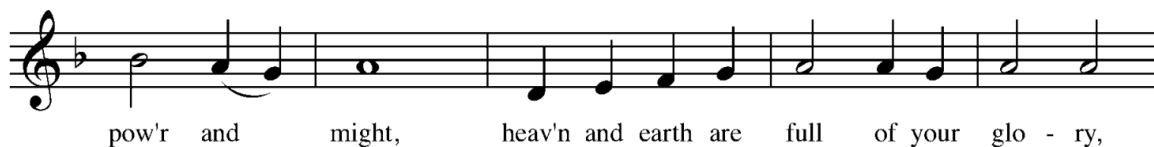
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them 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:



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

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

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.

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, they 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 wafers. Please raise your hand and this server will pass the gluten free elements to you. When the cups are passed in the pew, hold onto your cup. Once everyone has received a cup, we will drink together at the same time.

Communion Music

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Peter Pindar Stearns

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. (Psalm 51:11-13)

Communion Hymn 523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Bicentennial

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.

***Hymn 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *Afro-American Spiritual*
I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Postlude

Praeludium in D Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

For Children and Families during 11:00 AM Worship

- ◆ Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:
- ◆ **Children age 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lower level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lower level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance to the building.
- ◆ **Nursery care** is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).
- ◆ **The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (next to the nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
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Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano
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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Nick Graef, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy, Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcky, Beth Lockwood, Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Jack Oehrle, Ray Overmyer, Takako Petek, Wilberta Pickett, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Terry Thompson, Louise van Mook, Tommy Walters, Joanne Welsh

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and by Dave and Helen Houggy in memory of Robert W. Johnson, FCPC Director of Music (1980-1982), Organist, Choir Director, teacher, and friend.

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