



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
March 13, 2022
The Second Sunday in Lent

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Hymn 365)

Dupré

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are Jesus' disciples,
We are Jesus' disciples,
We walk in his footsteps, even as he moves toward the cross.

We are Jesus' disciples,
We are Jesus' disciples,
We come before him, even as he washes the filth from the feet of his friends.

We are Jesus' disciples,
We are Jesus' disciples,
We come to worship, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.
We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

*HYMN No. 80, V. 1-3

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
We had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end". The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Let us give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided and in gratitude, offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please make your gifts in the plate in the back of the sanctuary, online or via mail.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**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.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 399, V. 1-4

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

BENEDICTION

Teresa of Avila (16th century)

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
No hands but yours;
No feet but yours;
Yours are the eyes
Through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet
With which he is to go about
Doing good;
Yours are the hands
With which he is to bless now.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Hymn 365)

Walther

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel
Gloria Snyder, Organist
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director
Sofia DeMotte3, Liturgist

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John 13:1-17

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover festival. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus had always loved his disciples. Now was the time he showed them his love the most.

Jesus and his followers were at the evening meal. The devil had already persuaded Judas Iscariot to hand Jesus over to his enemies. (Judas was the son of Simon.) The Father had given Jesus power over everything. Jesus knew this. He also knew that he had come from God. And he knew that he was going back to God. So while they were eating, Jesus stood up and took off his robe. He got a towel and wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers' feet. He dried their feet with the towel that was wrapped around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter. But Peter said to him, "Lord, you should not wash my feet." Jesus answered, "You don't know what I am doing now. But later you will understand." Peter said, "No! You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "If I don't wash your feet, you are not one of my people." Simon Peter said, "Lord, after you wash my feet, wash my hands and my head too!"

Jesus said, "After a person has a bath, his whole body is clean. He needs only to wash his feet. And you are clean, but not all of you." Jesus knew who would hand him over to his enemies. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When Jesus finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and went back to the table. He asked, "Do you understand what I did for you? You call me 'Teacher.' And you call me 'Lord.' And this is right, because that is what I am. I am your Lord and Teacher. But I washed your feet. So you also should wash each other's feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should serve each other just as I served you. Believe me, servants are not greater than their master. Those who are sent to do something are not greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, great blessings will be yours if you do them."