



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
March 20, 2022  
The Third 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

What Wondrous Love is This (Hymn 85)

arr. Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

**And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.**

Help us by our actions to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

**For your grace, we give you thanks and praise.**

\*HYMN No. 420, V. 1-3

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

### **WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways. Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you. Forgive the many ways we fail you, and inspire us to follow you more faithfully.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*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 13:36-38, John 18:12-17, 25-27

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 434, V. 1-4

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free,  
Make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God  
Act out the living Word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

### **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**

VIDEO AND ANTHEM

A Ukrainian Prayer

John Rutter  
English translation of a Ukrainian prayer

Lord, protect Ukraine.  
Give us strength, faith, and hope, our Father.  
Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*The flowers on the communion table are given by Bud and Linda Martin,  
in memory of Kevin Martin.*

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel  
Gloria Snyder, Organist  
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director  
Sarah Moki, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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### **John 13:36-38, John 18:12-17, 25-27**

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times."

Later...

The soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the rooster crowed.