

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

19 March 2023

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Silent Reflection** – “Our hunger for significance is a signal of who we are and why we are here, and it also is the basis of humanity’s enduring response to Jesus Christ. For he always takes individual human beings as seriously as their shredded dignity demands, and he has the resources to carry through with his high estimate of them.”

- Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy* (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997), 15.

**Words of Welcome** – At this time please sign the ‘Welcome to Worship’ card located in your bulletin this morning. If you are a first-time guest, please mark this on your card so we can send you a personalized correspondence. Welcome to all!

### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Introit:** (10:00) *Come, Holy Spirit*

Rev. Timothy Mathews (England, 1826-1910)

Come, Holy Spirit, calm our minds:  
Fit us now to approach our God.

Banish each vain, each worldly thought:  
Lead us now to thy blest abode.

(author unknown, c.1800)

**The Call to Worship:** (From Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the Lord our God is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

**For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

Let us worship God.

### Prayer of Adoration

**\*Opening Hymn:** No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison:**

*The Worshipbook, 1972*

(Org.) Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, \_ have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us.

## GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** I Samuel 17:38-40

Pew Bible p. 324-325

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message for Young Disciples

**\*Hymn:** (8:30) No. 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*St. Thomas*

**Choral Motet:** (10:00) *Adoramus Te, Christe*

Quirinio Gasparini (Italy, 1721-1778)

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi:

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:*

quia per sanctam crucem tuam

*for through your holy cross*

redemisti mundum.

*you have redeemed the world.*

(traditional liturgical text)

**Gospel Lesson:** John 17:20-24

Pew Bible p. 136-137

**Sermon:**

**WHAT BRINGS YOU LIFE?**

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

## GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

#### Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

#### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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.*

# GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Commitment: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional



1 I want Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ to walk with me; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 In my tri - als, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, walk with me; \_\_\_\_\_  
3 When I'm trou - bled, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, walk with me; \_\_\_\_\_



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all a - long my \_\_\_\_\_ pil - grim jour - ney, \_\_\_\_\_  
when my heart is \_\_\_\_\_ al - most break - ing, \_\_\_\_\_  
when my head is \_\_\_\_\_ bowed in sor - row, \_\_\_\_\_



— Lord, I want Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ to walk with me. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Lord, I want Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ to walk with me. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Lord, I want Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_ to walk with me. \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: *Andante in D minor*

Clara Schumann (Germany, 1819-1896)

[During Lent, our postludes will be quiet pieces  
intended to encourage reflection on the themes of this holy season.  
We kindly request that you refrain from applause.]

**The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.**