

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for February 21, 2021

Lent

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,
for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,
for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,
for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

O come, let us worship the Lord!

Call to Confession

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Trusting ourselves to the grace of God,

let us confess our sins before God and one another.

—based on Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

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 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.

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession .)

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Christ,

our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

—based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV

Our Response **Fairer Lord Jesus (verses 1&2)**

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn **84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

9:9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

9:13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

9:14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,
9:15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

9:16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

9:17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon – God's Promises:Cleansing waters Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

***Hymn 280 Amazing Grace**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Twas grace has brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response **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.**

Postlude

Liturgist: Meryl Davis

Soloist: Frank Spencer

Head Deacons: Tracey Chappell & Al Brown

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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