THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 20, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE *Meditation for Oboe and Piano: Morning Light*
(Jonathan Gentry and Steven Phillips)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 63: 1,3-4

O God, you are my God. I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you
as in a weary land where there is no water.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live.
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*** HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Beach Spring

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose giving knows no ending,
your grace astounds us.
But the suffering of innocents
and the horrors of war
challenge the ways we make sense of the world.
In the face of such loss,
we are prone to despair.
We look for someone to blame; we turn away from each other.

In this hour remind us that there is no grave
from which you cannot bring life,
no suffering you will not redeem.
Then show us our part to play,
for we long to yield to the power of love,
and to choose the life you offer.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF JOY (V. 3)** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Craig Miller

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:1-9

SERMON *Not Yet* Craig Miller

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* Michael John Trotta
(Chancel Choir with Jonathan Gentry, oboe)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in him and be glad.
Let us revere and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION - Elder Jeff Bartell

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church, accept Elder Jeff Bartell, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to help lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage our officers, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER

DECLARATION AND CHARGE

***HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

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 his 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.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

***BENEDICTION** Craig Miller

POSTLUDE *Postlude in a Classic Style* Gordon Young

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Craig Miller to lead us in worship today. Craig is a member of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and served Forest Hills Church in Tampa for over ten years. Craig and his wife, Donna, have retired to Sun City, and attend Peace Presbyterian in Lakewood Ranch. One of the blessings of an interim season is that it affords us the opportunity to be led in worship by a variety of voices, and to be reminded of the connectional bonds we share in Christ's Church.