

Order of Worship

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Here Faith Abides, Peterson

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 19

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Prayer Vigil

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 227 (Sung twice)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 166, verse 3

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Anthem

How Lovely and How Pleasant, arr. Burkhardt (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

(11:00 a.m.)

Second Reading

John 2:13-22

Sermon

Righteous Zeal, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Meditation at Dawn, Birchwood (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion

Hymn No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Benediction

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, Scriveyner

Liturgist: Hannah Reed

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Moore Family
in celebration of all the March birthdays.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors