



Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent
14 March 2021

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

Call to Worship

(One) The season of Lent can be barren and lonely, but God remains steadfast and faithful.

(All) Our lives are in seasons of transitions and changes out of our control.

(One) Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

(All) The barrenness of Lent will yield to the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning.

(One) In this season of waiting and trusting, let us gather before God.

(All) We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

(One) Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Hymn (66)

To God be the Glory

(1) To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

(2) O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *[Refrain]*

(3) Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and
great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

Prayer of Confession

(All) Loving God, you are the wisdom behind all mystery, the glory hidden in all that makes us wonder, the strength in all that nourishes. And yet, we are strangely resistant to your grace. There are so many times we turn from you. We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help and healing you offer. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. Forgive us. Open our eyes to your wonder and wisdom. Give us the courage to live lives that overflow with your love for the sake of Christ who loves us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Sermon

Our Way of Life

Hymn (71)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

(2) Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

(3) Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend
you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

(4) Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

RESPONSE

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Games Up Here

Join us ONLINE tomorrow night, **Monday, March 15th from 7:00-8:30pm MST**. Check the website's Game Up here page for players sheets and instructions. All you need to play will be posted on our site and to the local Lake City Facebook group page.

The Creed Class

Our class on the Apostles' Creed continues this **Tuesday, March 16th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm MST**. The Zoom link is on the website and we'll be broadcasting from the CPC sanctuary again this week. So if you'd like to participate in person, join us live at 4:00pm. This week, we'll be exploring our confessions about the Holy Spirit and what comes through its presence on the earth.

Weekly Bible Study

Join us for our weekly Bible Study as we explore at the book of the *Songs of Solomon*. We're meeting from 5:00-6:30 on **Wednesday, March 17th** on Zoom.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Join us this **Thursday, March 18th at 7:00am MST** for the Men's Prayer Breakfast, now meeting at the Annex!

Save-the-Date

Save-the-date for the installation service on **Palm Sunday, March 28th** in the CPC sanctuary. A community reception will follow. This service will be from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

Worship Leadership

Pastor: Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott