



Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent
17 March 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Celtic Magnificat

*Call to Worship

(One) Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

**(All) Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down.**

(One) Christ in me, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me.

**(All) Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of
me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every
ear that hears me, Christ with me.**

(One) May Christ be in us all as we worship Him.

-The Deer's Cry Motet by Arvo Pärt

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 51:1-12

(One) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out
my transgressions.

**(All) Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse
me from my sin.**

(One) For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever
before me.

**(All) Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done
what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in
your sentence and blameless when you pass
judgment.**

(One) Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother
conceived me.

**(All) You desire truth in the inward being; therefore
teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

(One) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash
me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**(All) Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that
you have crushed rejoice.**

(One) Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my
iniquities.

(All) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

(One) Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

(All) Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

***Hymn (40)** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(1) For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

(2) For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

(3) For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

(4) For the church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

(5) For thyself, best gift divine,
to the race so freely given;

for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom
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Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

New Testament Reading *Hebrews 5:5-10*

Gospel Reading *John 12:20-33*

Sermon

***Hymn (502)** *Be Thou My Vision*

(1) Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(3) High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. I bind this day to me for ever by power of faith, Christ's incarnation: His baptism in the Jordan river, His death on the cross for my salvation; His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heavenly way, His coming at the day of doom. **I bind unto myself today**
The power of God to hold and lead: His eye to watch, his might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward; the Word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard! Praise to the Lord of my salvation. Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Offertory *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude *I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light*

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SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31:31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

31:34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10

5:5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

5:8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

5:9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

5:10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20-33

12:20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

12:21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

12:23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

12:24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

12:25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

12:27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

12:28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

12:29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

12:30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

12:33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.