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First Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 6, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



INVITATION TO REST

*GATHERING HYMN #451....."Open My Eyes"

*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

May our hearts be open to trust you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

May our eyes be open to see you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

May our hands be open to serve you.

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

O God, we want to have everything, but give up nothing: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.

Yet, you taught us: "No one can serve two masters."

As Lent unfolds before us

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:

Meet us in our weakness.

Take up our failures and mistakes.

Ease our burdens.

Carry us on the way.

Bring us home, at last.

So that we can believe in a love that is stronger than death.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Not even death can separate us from God's love. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE HYMN #435... "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you! Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Luke 4:1-13 (pg 62)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING..... Ecclesiastes 1 & 2 (pg 682)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON Shepherding the Wind Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY #215....."What Wondrous Love"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord be with you

And also with you

Life up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

We lift them up to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia! Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #740....."Lead Me, Guide Me"

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <u>Thanks be to God.</u> <u>Amen.</u>

*POSTLUDE

Please continue to be in prayer for:



JoAnn Westburg Punky Johnson
Brent Blake
Scott Brolsma Darleen Frishkorn
Dan Wilson's Sister
Duane & Betty Finkenbinder

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, March 6, 2022

10:30 am Worship w/Communion

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching...... Rev. Michael Ozaki Communion Prep...... Marlys Mjoen

Wednesday, March 9

4:30 pm Bell Rehearsal

5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Reflection

Thursday, March 10

1 pm Book Study

Next Sunday, March 13

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching...... Rev. Michael Ozaki

Ushers & Greeters...... Connor & Laura Thoreson

Organist......George FrenchMusic Director......Sandy PerkinsReader......Lynne Mullins



Make sure to keep an eye on the Events bulletin board to keep informed on what's going on!



The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th, immediately following the Worship Service. Books are ready for your review on the sign-in table outside the sanctuary.