

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 7, 2010

11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

THE PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

after Luke 2:25-33

L- *Come, let us worship the Lord*

P- We will give thanks to him and praise his holy name.

L- *For it is God who has made us and redeemed us from sin and death.*

P- It is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be all honor and glory.

L- *Come, and receive the cup of blessing and the bread of salvation.*

+HYMN OF PRAISE 269 O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

A MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

A time of silence in consideration of the gifts of opportunity to learn and to grow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

after John 3:19-21 and 1:9

Lord, you have created us, yet we live as if we were self-made people. We confess that we have not given you the credit when others praise us for our accomplishments. Sometimes we look down on or ignore those who are poor and needy as if we are more worthy because we are successful. Forgive us for what we have done and not done that would make our world a better place. This we ask in the name of the One who came to save us from our sins.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

We confess our sins as those created in the image of God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- In all of creation and from all times past, present, and future, only Christ can condemn us. Instead of doing that, he went to the cross. He died. He rose. Jesus Christ is, by this or any other name, our Lord. In Christ's prayers for us is all of our hope, all of the promise of forgiveness for those who repent. It is with that assurance and in that name of Jesus Christ, I declare that your sins are forgiven.

P- Help us O God to live our gratitude.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As Christ's redeemed and forgiven community, please stand, if able, and move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lynn and Cathy Bergman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A prayer for pastor and people, such that Holy Spirit will be present in both preaching and hearing God's Word.

It is said that your Word is a Lamp unto our feet. Guide our steps, lead our minds and hearts into your truth. Strengthen our faith and the enduring belief that nothing is impossible with you.

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 32:22-32

THE LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6

THE LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 9:1-9

God's Word read aloud.

THE SERMON The Road in Your Heart

Dr. Edward McNulty

Contemporary exposition of the Word.

+CREED

L- In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

ALL-We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by

word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

L- Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

ALL- God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

This is the time that we bring our sacrifice before the Lord.

The Prayer of Dedication Offertory Signing the Friendship Register

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

What is on our minds and hearts this morning?

THE ANTHEM Communion Invitation

Shackley

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All are invited to approach the table. Communion is by intinction this morning.

+HYMN 507 "I Come With Joy" Vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

M- *Let us pray...*

together...

All-- Eternal God, from before time was measured, you have spoken—bringing light to be, and being to light. In Jesus Christ, again you spoke and a saving Word dwelt among us. In Holy Spirit your Word continues to challenge and comfort us while we engage our lifelong journeys toward you. Despite our waywardness and the temptation to stray, you stand by us with the love of mother and father offering correction, accepting our repentance and welcoming us again into your embrace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

We remember.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The gifts of bread and cup will be brought to you this morning.

UNISON PRAYER

God of unending love and immeasurable mercy, you have opened your table to us. You graft us into the body of Christ and make us at one with him. How can we not spread the wonderful news of grace that we, who are sinners, are washed clean in the waters of our baptism and renewed through our presence in this holy place during this holy time? Help us do this in word and in deed-- to the end that one day all will know the joy we find in you: in the radical gift of your presence and the incredible gift of your promise.

+HYMN 507 "I Come with Joy" vs 4-5

THE CHARGE

Depart in God's hands.

THE BENEDICTION

God's blessing

+ All who are able will please stand.

*STF is *Sing the Faith*— a supplemental hymnal