

Order of worship

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday in Lent



Prelude

“His Eye is On the Sparrow” arr. by John Purifoy

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground,
you suffered death. United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.

We praise you, Lord.

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition;
you remain close to all who are abandoned.

We praise you, Lord.

In your love you took upon yourself our sins;
innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.

We praise you, Lord.

By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the
Father’s side.

We praise you, Lord.

You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us in our misfortune;
fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face.

We praise you, Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #461

“God is Here!”

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.**

Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.

**Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your
children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the
hungry heart.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Receive the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 15:1-32

Sermon

What's Lost Can be Found

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we speak the ageless hymn of your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to the table with those he loved.

He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He broke the bread among his disciples and said:

“Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.”

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.

He passed the cup among his disciples and said:

“Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace,

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (cont.)

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn #432

“Song of Hope”

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you go from this place. As we go, let us go to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

“Prelude in G minor” by J.S. Bach

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Announcements

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Congregational Survey

You should have received an email from SurveyMonkey last week. We want to hear from you! Your input is very important to us! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts! Contact the office if you didn't receive an email with a link to the survey.

Christian Ed. Group Study

Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith: *A new opportunity to intentionally grow your personal faith through independent study, fun audio and video, and group discussions - totally flexible to fit YOUR schedule!* Session 3, Monday, **March 15th, 7-8pm**: Topic: Good Friday and Easter Sunday. See email or newsletter for further details.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via **ZOOM** each Sunday immediately after worship at **11:10am**. The link to join is included in your email and is the same each week. Please refill your coffee and join us!

Lilies for Easter

Due to COVID-19, the worship committee is planning on a large floral arrangement for Easter in the sanctuary this year instead of individual potted lilies. We would like to offer the opportunity to the congregation to contribute to the purchase of the arrangement in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Suggested donation is \$10 each. **Donation form in email. Please place your order by March 14th.**

Prayer Requests

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

We want to join you in prayer for specific needs or people. Please submit your prayer requests to the pastor by calling the church or email to pastor@victorpres.org.

Announcement Requests

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with the congregation and would like to be included in the Sunday morning worship slideshow? Please send to Courtney in the office by Wednesday at 10am, even earlier is welcome and appreciated, office@victorpres.org

Music

If you have any requests for preludes or postludes, please let the office know. Courtney will pass the information onto Ayn.

Calendar of Upcoming Events



Sunday, March 7th

8:30-9:30 am Sunday School– ZOOM
10 am Worship Service (in-person & YouTube Live)
11:10 am Coffee Hour-hosted by Deacons– ZOOM

Tuesday, March 9th

7 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, March 11th

6:30 pm Bible Study w/ Clay Girouard- ZOOM

Saturday, March 13th

5:45 pm Youth Group activity– Ice-skating at Bill Gray’s Iceplex

Sunday, March 14th

8:30-9:30 am Sunday School– ZOOM
10 am Worship Service (in-person & YouTube Live)
11:10 am Coffee Hour-hosted by Deacons– ZOOM

Monday, March 15th

7-8 pm Christian Ed. series discussion group– ZOOM
Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith

Tuesday, March 16th

6 pm Deacon Meeting

Church Office Hours

Wed & Thurs 10am-2pm

Pastor Nick’s Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-4pm

