

Date: March 17, 2024

5th Lent

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

I will be their God and they will be my people.

God writes on hearts not on stone tablets now. We find God in all things new. The God of surprises loves us, forgives, and forgets our sins. God, we want to receive, and to cherish and forgive, just as you do. Let it be.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

In the Garden

Charles Austin Miles

Welcome

Minute 4 Mission

OGHS – Self Development of People

Deb Norton

Call to Worship (responsively)

Liturgist

God is making a new covenant with us.

A covenant written on our hearts instead of stone.

God is doing something new in us.

Our very lives are a temple of God's spirit.

God is doing something new in our world.

We have the promise of eternal life.

God is making all things new.

Let us worship God, who writes a new loyal spirit within me.

*Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

GTG 692

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

Holy One, we confess that we have not lived as if your love is written in our hearts. We have lived as if our hearts are empty and can only be filled with consumption. We consume time, energy, wealth, and worldly visions of success, but still, it is not enough. Help us to remember that you have filled our hearts with your love, and with compassion for our neighbor. Guide us back to being in tune with your covenant written within us, so that we can live out your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, as you first loved us. In the name of Christ, who gave his life for us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of ForgivenessJesus, Draw Me Close*

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

Passing the Peace of Christ*We Hear God's Word****Prayer of Illumination**

Liturgist

Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Liturgist

*Source: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)***Anthem***Here Comes the Sun*

Lennon/McCartney

Solo: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection

Covenant: A Matter of the Heart

We Respond to God's Word***Affirmation of Faith***I Believe in Jesus*

Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People: Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory

O God, Who Gives Us Life

GTG 53

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

G. W. Dub Shepherd

Tune: Old Hundredth

Louis Bourgeois

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

Abundant God, sustain in us a willing spirit, to serve your purpose in the world.
Inspire us to share peace where there is discontent; to bring healing in the place of
hurt; to shine your love into the overlooked corners of our world. Remind us of
the joy of reaching to be closer to you, even as you already draw us near. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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***Benediction**

Postlude

O Happy Day

Edwin Hawkins

Next Week's Liturgist: Lois Gillespie

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Judy McDyer

Ushers: Diana Green and Nancy Tompkins

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 @ 10-11:15am – Final Class – Lenten Book Study – Final Words from the Cross. It is Finished & Postscript: The Words After That pp. 101-128

BIKE/LOCK/HELMET DRIVE – February 18 – March 31 : WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Do you or someone you know have a gently-used bike to donate?

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28 @ 5PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER. Please join us for dinner before the Worship service. The menu will include a few of the foods Jesus may have eaten. Advance reservations are required no later than Sunday, March 17. Please contact Lois Anne or Charlotte after worship or e-mail the church office at: rehobothwpc20@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 - JUNE 12 @ 10AM - ADULT ED BIBLE STUDY: "Picturing Scripture" with Alan Keohane is an engaging online Bible Study The link will be accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC's website.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS – We are adding photos to the Members and Friends Directory. Just email a photo to melissa_schrock@consultant.com by April 21 or we will take one for you on April 14 or 21 following services at the church.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Curt Rayner

Mary Beth Adair

Christine Casey – (Mable Granke's daughter)

Schwarz)George Mayott (father of John Still's friend, Nancy Ann Mayott)
Leslie Trout (daughter of Adele Trout)
Carl Wagner (son-in-law of Jane Nicholson)

Illness

Amy Reed Parker – (Jim Reed's sister)

Barbara (friend of Sherry Schnepfe)

Lorraine Sherman (friend of Betty Jean

Mourning/Grieving

Nannette Grimes (spouse of Mimi McKennan and daughter of Nada Grimes)

Carmen Martella (uncle of Karen Palermo)

