

Service for the Lord's Day March 21, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude Ah, Holy Jesus by Crüger

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Threshold Moment

Hymn #411 God is Here Today



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God,
We want to see you.
We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;
But not only that, we want to be people
who have your covenant written on our hearts.

Why do we feel so far away from that at times?
What went wrong?
Where did we lose our way?
Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?
We would be so grateful.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 We Are Forgiven



To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson WE ARE FORGIVEN 10.8.10.8

Passing of the Peace

As a forgiven people, let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon Again & Again, We are Reformed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditative Piece God So Loved the World from the Oratorio Crucifixion by J. Stainer

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that flowers need the rain.

We believe that humans need community.

We believe that bodies need rest.

We believe that hearts need connection.

We believe that mornings need sunrise.

We believe that seasons need change.

We believe that grief needs space.

We believe that change needs time.

We believe that love needs security.

We believe that pain needs art.

We believe that joy needs company.

We believe that our spirits need God.

Again and again, our spirits need God. Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.

God is at work in our lives.

God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

Hymn #**471** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord Is My Song



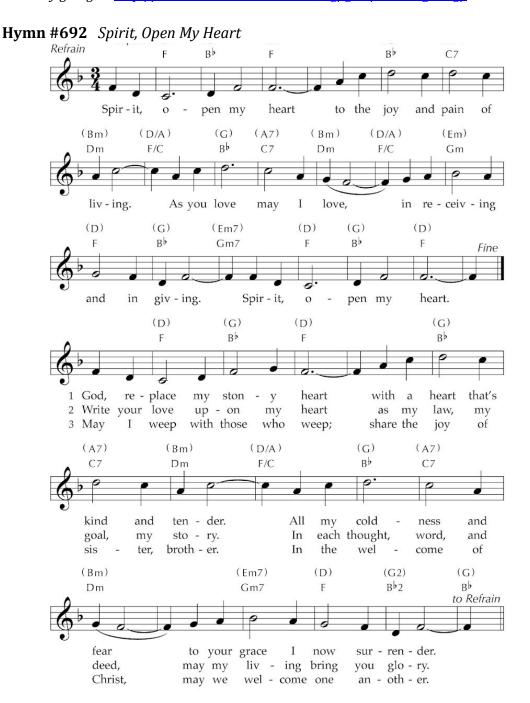
This chant from the Taizé Community in France is provided with two sets of words, either of which can be used as best suits the occasion. The first text is based on Psalm 102:1-2, and the second is an amalgam of phrases drawn from Psalms 118:14, 25:5, 36:9, and John 4:14.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude Go to Dark Gethsemane

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Acolyte: Lehman Temples

Liturgists: Robin Bell, Rick & Shannon Johnston, Jason & Rachel Giddings

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

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