

Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



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March 14, 2021
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Give Thanks”
Henry Smith
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“You Are My All in All”
arr. Carol Turnquist
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

What does the light of God’s truth reveal about your life?

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. Amen.

Hymn

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy**
(repeat)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God,
from all that separates us from you.
Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.
Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.
Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace;
have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation
is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of

flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

Second Lesson

John 3: 14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“We Fall Down”
Chris Tomlin
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Doxology

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and 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.**

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
(Repeat)**

*Postlude

“There is a Fountain”
arr. Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:

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Carol Thomas, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

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