



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“There is a Balm in Gilead”
Mahalia Jackson
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”
Charlotte Elliot
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

Where has God been on the move in your life this past week?

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Shannahan

Introit

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
Allen Pote
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

O God, my God, we seek you.

Our souls thirst for you.

Our spirits long for you,

for we are parched and weary in these desert times, these wilderness places.

But your love, O God, is better even than life.

Our words will praise you, our actions bless you.

Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

Call upon the Holy One, who is near.

We will bless you as long as we live.
We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we complain that our neighbors have more than we do. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we do not want to help those we think are unworthy. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

*Sung Response Hymn No. 695 (refrain only)

“Change My Heart, O God”

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

THE WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 55: 1-9

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!
Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.
Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.
Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.
Look, you will call a nation you don't know,
a nation you don't know will run to you
because of the Lord your God,
the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.
Seek the Lord when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the sinful their schemes.
Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.
My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

"What Wondrous Love is This"
Allen Pote
Heritage Choir/Jaron Marcus, Piano

Second Lesson

Luke 13: 1-9

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never

found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"God Moves...Over the Fence
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of the Belhar

Congregation

We believe ...
that God wishes to teach the church
what is good and to seek the right.

We believe ...
that the church must therefore
stand by people in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
that the church must witness against
and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe ...
that the church as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe ...
that in following Christ
the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interests
and thus control and harm others.
Therefore ...
we reject any ideology
which would legitimate forms of injustice
and any doctrine which is unwilling

to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

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

Congregation
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Prayer of Dedication

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.

*Sending Hymn No. 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
Brad Stipcak, Organ

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response GTG 701

"Lord, Prepare Me"
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Postlude

"Jesus Draw Me Close"
Rick Founds
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Carol Shannahan, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual
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