

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2019

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

#### Greeting

God is good.

**All the time.**

And all the time.

**God is good.**

#### Call To Worship

Leader: Today, we begin our journey of Lent – a journey of following the Christ into the desert, and then into Jerusalem.

**Pulpit Side: We join in remembering the struggle and the strife of Jesus, who stood up for love, even when it meant persecution and death.**

**Lectern Side: We join in remembering the challenges of the Israelites as they journeyed away from slavery, through the desert, toward a new beginning.**

**Leader:** We join in remembering and honoring all who would teach us what it means to bear witness to God's love, through action and deed, and to reject the ways of empire.

**All:** We join in a journey together toward justice, wholeness, and peace.

Leader: Come, friends and loved ones, let us welcome this season and this journey as we take our first steps together in this Lenten worship.

#### \*Hymn #410 God Is Calling Through The Whisper

**1. God is calling through the whisper  
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties  
that can catch us by surprise.**

**Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;  
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?**

**2. God is calling through the voices  
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption  
and for rescue from despair.**

**Place of hurt or face of needing;  
strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?**

**3. God is calling through the music  
of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels,  
and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing;  
days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—and we hear!  
God is calling—and we hear!**

**\*Call to Confession****\*Confession of Sin**

We have not always been a grateful people. We do not always remember the struggles that have made the moments and realities in which we live possible. We live in abundance now but can forget for the challenges of scarcity that our ancestors knew.

We live in privilege in so many ways but can forget the suffering that made our ways of life possible. The “fruits” of life surround us, but we can be slow in offering true thanksgiving.

Instruct us again, Loving God. May our words and actions show we are a people of true thanksgiving. May we be ever mindful of your generosity and deliverance. Amen.

**\*Response #437 You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy**

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

**\*Words of Grace**

...In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

**\*Response: Peace be with you**

**Ji-jo-ho ni tin.**  
**Ji-jo-ho ni tin,**  
**po-ome-po-po, a-men,**  
**po-ome-po-po, a-men.**

**Peace be with you.**  
**Peace be with you,**  
**and with all of us, amen**  
**and with all of us, amen.**

**THE WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

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The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**Second reading: Luke 4:1-13**

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The Word of God for the people of God.  
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**Sermon***Not Static*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**\*Hymn #166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.

3. And through these days of penitence,  
and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.

4. Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

**\*Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

*Guide My Feet, Lord*  
Chancel Choir

arr. John Carter

**\*Praise God (Hymn #608)**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**SENDING**

**Sending the Church into Mission**

The Mission of Prospect Church

**To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.**

**\*Hymn #543 God Be The Love**

**1. God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**2. Bind to myself the Name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**3. Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,  
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
depth of the sea to soil of planet:**

**O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**4. Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**5. Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn # 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

**1. Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy,  
until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.**

**Postlude**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

arr. Robert Lau