

11:15 service

March 24, 2019 3rd Sunday in Lent



Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church. All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Randy Mayfield

Themes and keywords: humble/humility, glory

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship from John 1:29; Philippians 2:8-9; Revelation 5:13

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant, *All:* the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Liturgist: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

All: Therefore, God has highly exalted him.

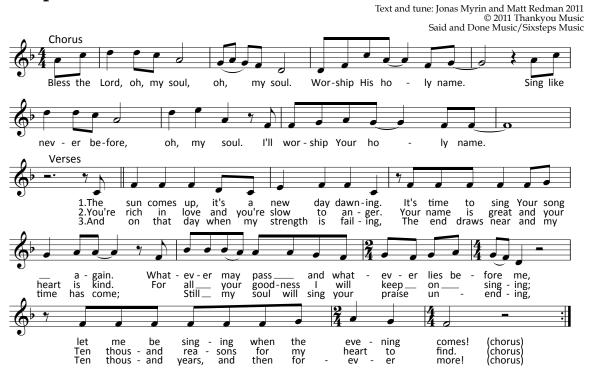
Liturgist: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: Amen!

We praise God

10,000 Reasons



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We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

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God calls us to confess our sin

from Mark 8:34; James 4:10

Liturgist: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross

and follow me." Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Our Servant-King,

you did not withhold yourself from us

by counting equality with God the Father a thing to be grasped.

All: But we often think too highly of our position,

and we are eager to be served rather than to serve.

Liturgist: You emptied yourself of glory

and stooped to take the form of a servant.

All: But we often exalt ourselves

and refuse to serve in a humble place.

Liturgist: You humbled yourself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

All: But we often cling fearfully to our way of life,

and refuse to deny ourselves in order to choose joy in Christ, and to lay down our lives in order to serve others like Christ.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we will have the humble mind of

Christ and grow more and more into his image and likeness as humble servants of all.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

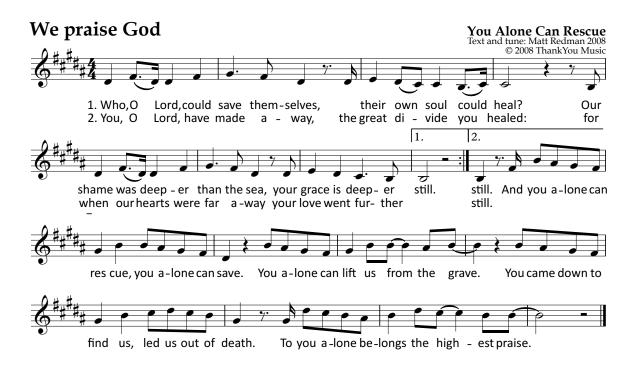
from 1 Peter 2:24

Liturgist:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!



STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

(Children may go to children's worship)

God instructs us in scripture reading

Philippians 2:5-11 (pew Bible pp. 980-981)

God instructs us in preaching

"Stooping for Exaltation" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

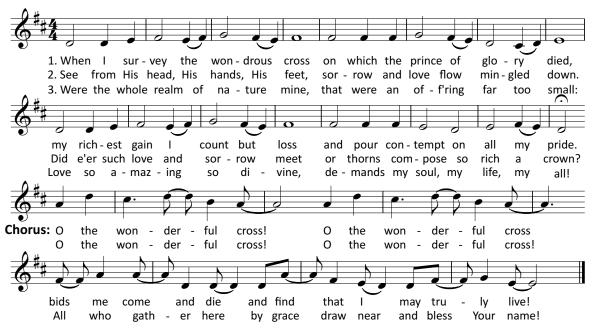
We offer ourselves in gifts and song

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts 1707

Tune: Lowell Mason 1824; ref. Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and J. D. Walt 2000 © 2000 Worshiptogether.com songs/Sixsteps Music

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.



STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

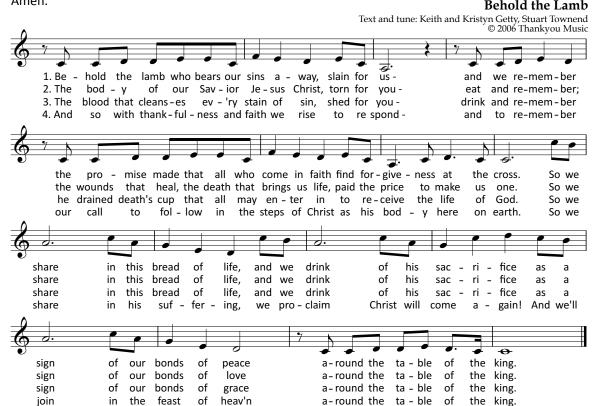
Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.

Amen.

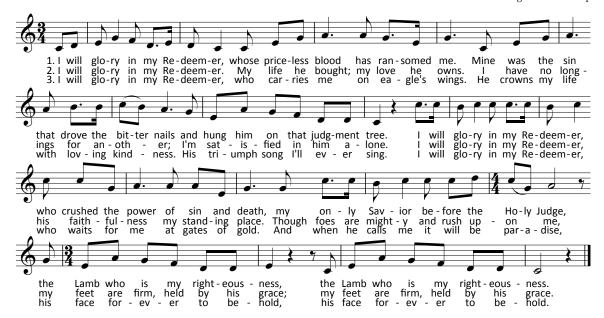


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We praise God

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

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God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie B. Babcock 1901 Tune: Traditional English melody



Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the Hanley Road entrance, on the table outside the Choir Room, and online at www.centralpres.com on the "Sunday @ Central" page under "Resources."

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