

# TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



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10:00 a.m.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

### PRELUDE

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

### Come Now, Redeemer of Mankind

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### IN THE LIFE

*All present are requested to sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed.*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Kass Kassouni

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

***Extol God all you peoples.***

For great is God's love toward us,

***And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.***

Let us praise the Lord.

\* **OPENING HYMN**

Hymn No. 436

**God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us**



1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ing.  
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pat Niles, Liturgist

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.***

***We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*A moment of silence follows for personal confession.*

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:  
The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting  
and strengthens us in all goodness.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \* GLORIA

Hymn No. 581

### Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with accompaniment in the piano. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men."

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

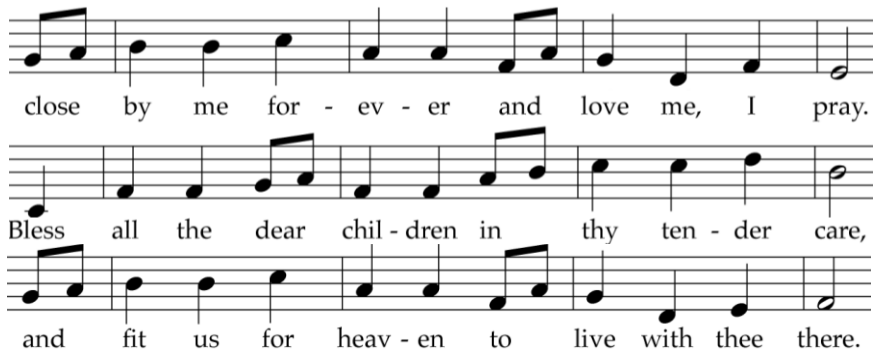
*The children will remain seated. Following the Children's Moment, the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.*

### BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

#### Away in a Manger (Verse 3)

3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

The musical score is written on a single staff in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the soprano voice. The lyrics are: "3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay"



### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Page 471

#### **Job 23:1-7**

Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

### ANTHEM

*S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)  
 ed. James Gibb*

#### **Lead Me, Lord**

TPC Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*from Psalms 5:8;4:9*

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**I Peter: 4:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. <sup>16</sup>Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Kass Kassouni

**Fiery Ordeals, Old and New****GIVE THANKS TO GOD****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****Joys and Concerns****Choral Call to Prayer****Prayers of the People**

## Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

*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.*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)*

#### **Come Unto Me**

TPC Chancel Choir

Come unto Me and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you  
and learn of Me. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

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### \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 606

#### **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-low;  
praise God a-bove, ye heavenly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Generous God, You have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe You, but we ask, Lord, that You will bless our offerings and help us use them wisely in Your service and for Your glory. Amen.*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* CLOSING HYMN

#### Lord, to You Our People Cry



Lord, to you our peo - ple cry; hea - vy hearts and  
Ev - en now, a - cross the years, we re - call those  
Lord, re - store us; make us new. Give us life and



spir - its sigh. See what e - vil we have known,  
days with tears. Ev - en now, with grief, we see  
hope in you. Let the ways of vio - lence cease;



forced up - on our flesh and bone: driv - en from our  
pres - ent pain and cru - el - ty. Make us bold to  
bless the ones who seek your peace. Shine with love in



na - tive land, swept a - way, like des - ert sand.  
act and speak when the strong op - press the weak.  
ev - ery place, Sun of jus - tice, Light of grace.

**\* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*During the postlude, please feel free to depart,  
or to remain and enjoy the music.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

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**Vision**

*Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus.*

**Mission**

*In response to God's love for the world, we engage with God  
in worship, inclusive fellowship, spiritual growth,  
and service to our community and beyond.*

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