

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page> The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...who wants to have a relationship with you

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

PRELUDE

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

How Great Thou Art

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

IN THE LIFE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Steve

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were born,

Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting,

[All, in Unison] You are God.

Let us worship our God.

*** OPENING HYMN**

Hymn No. 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Evan Benjamin, Liturgist

Lord, through Your Son,

***You have given us a gift beyond our imagination,
the promise of eternal life.***

Because of that, we can know that our future is secure.

***We can declare with the Apostle Paul
that nothing will ever separate us from Your love.***

***In spite of that, Lord, we often do not live as if
You had made our future certain.***

***We let worry and fear control us,
and miss the joy that You long to see overflow our lives.***

Help us to live as people whose future is assured.

***Help us to let Your joy fill us,
and overflow into our world.***

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

* A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring,
to cleanse us of our offenses;
therefore, know that you are forgiven,
and receive new life in Christ.

Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace of Christ in whatever way feels comfortable to you—whether with a handshake, a friendly wave, or a simple "Peace be with you."

* LENTEN RESPONSE

Hymn No. 227

Jesus Remember Me (Sing twice)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus Remember Me'. The first staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The second staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, 3/4 time, with lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

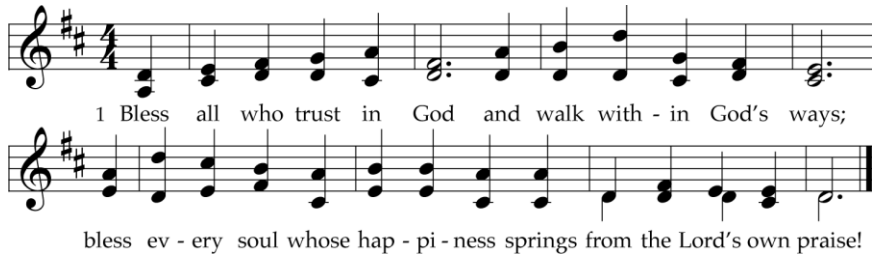
Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

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

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

Hymn No. 47, Verse 1

Bless All Who Trust in God



1 Bless all who trust in God and walk with - in God's ways;
bless ev - ery soul whose hap - pi - ness springs from the Lord's own praise!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Gracious God,
as we turn to Your Word for us,
may the Spirit of God rest upon us.
Help us to be steadfast in our hearing,
in our believing, and in our living.
Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Pages 822-823

Daniel 3:8-18

⁸Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

These pay no heed to you, O King. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up." ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king.

¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

ANTHEM

George F. Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Paul G. Bunjes (1914-1998)

Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor

TPC Chancel Choir

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender, Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring, at Thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Thy glory, given. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee. By Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited; from this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me, as Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 171

1 Corinthians 8

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one."

⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Steve

Growing Up - Adolescence

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

We thank You for giving us the freedom
to choose to love You...
We thank You for the gift of Your presence...
We thank You for being patient with us as we grow up...
We pray for healing of every kind for all who need it...
We pray for those who are grieving...
We pray for those who need hope...
We offer thanks for helping us know the joy of giving...
We offer you our hearts for You to change...
We offer ourselves to be Your hands, feet and voices...

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

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Sacred Feast TPC Chancel Choir

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given to us. O Sacred Feast.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 708, Verse 1

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of life, receive with these gifts
our gratitude for Your goodness,
and our dedication to Your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

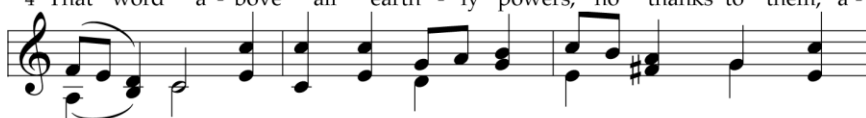
* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

*** BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

POSTLUDE

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Carillon

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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