# TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: <u>http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page</u> 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

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

## PRELUDE

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

## Variations in G (from Organ Concerto)

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## IN THE LIFE

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

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing a new song to the Lord,

sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord and bless His name, for the Lord is great and worthy of praise.

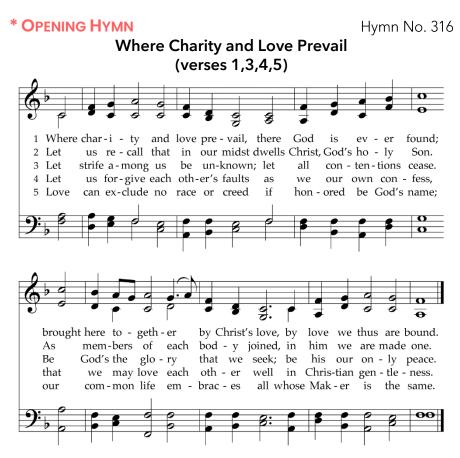
With justice He will rule the world,

and He will judge the peoples with His truth.

Come, let us worship the Lord

who rules with justice and with truth.

adapted from Psalm 66



#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Groves, Liturgist

Compassionate and forgiving Lord, we timidly admit our difficulties in dealing with our adversaries and following Your guidance. At times we speak all too quickly to declare our own desires rather than to listen longer for Your lessons. At times we act all too surely to address complex conflicts on our own rather than to accept the pace of Your direction. And at times we find it all too easy to explore convenience and comfort rather than to pursue the disciplines of discipleship.

Forgive us, we pray, for our impulsive acts that hinder our efforts to heed Your counsel about how to love those who challenge us. Amen.

A moment of silence follows for personal confession.

#### \* Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: When we abide in Christ and His words reside in us, we bear the fruits of discipleship. *Amen.* 



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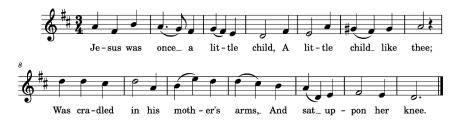
# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**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**

Jesus Was Once a Little Child



## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Pour out Your Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may learn better how to love others even as we love ourselves. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON** 

Old Testament, Page 510

## Psalm 37:1-9

 $^{1}\mbox{Do}$  not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

<sup>2</sup>for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup>He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup>For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

#### **ANTHEM**

Richard Farrant ed. Edward W. Klammer

## Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

**TPC Chancel Choir** 

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge. But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart, before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

> Words from Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations by J. Bull, 1568

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## **SECOND LESSON**

New Testament, Page 5

## Matthew 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Price

**Be Perfect** 

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD** 

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

Joys and Concerns

**Choral Call to Prayer** 

#### **Prayers of the People**

We thank You for the freedom to worship openly and together...
We thank You for the ties that bind us as a fellowship of believers...
We pray for comfort and strength for those whose lives have been upturned by violent weather...
We pray for protection of those in need of safety...
We pray for inspiration of those in need of hope...
We pray for power to reflect Your image to the world...
We offer our hearts for You to change...
We offer ourselves to be bearers of Your Good News...

#### 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**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

## **Thy Perfect Love**

TPC Chancel Choir

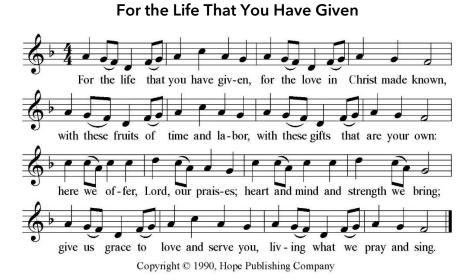
Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast. That I Thee love and never rest; and make me love Thee all thinge best, and wounde my heart in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

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**\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 

Hymn No. 717

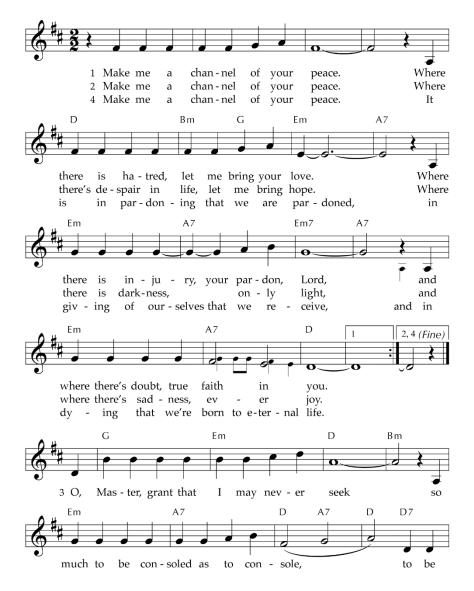


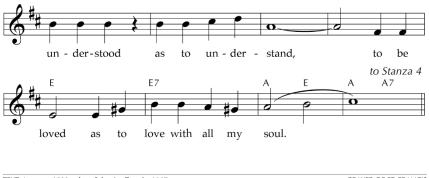
#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us, O Lord, who have received so freely and fully from You to give respectfully in our turn, and so experience the joy of giving. Amen.

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace





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## \* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#### POSTLUDE

Gordon Young (1919–1989) Fantasia on Old Hundredth

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#### **Guest Preacher Today**

Joseph Price is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches U.S.A. He recently retired after teaching Religious Studies at Whittier College for thirty-six years after completing his doctoral studies in theology at The University of Chicago Divinity School. We welcome Dr. Price to our pulpit.