

Service for the Lord's Day



SWARTHMORE
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CHURCH

Swarthmore Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2020 | 10:15 a.m. | in the Sanctuary

The Order of Worship

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We Gather

PRELUDE Prelude on “Adoro Te Devote” | arr. Jeanne Cotter

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVOCATION

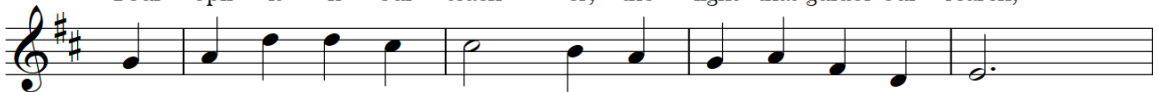
Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

HYMN 694 Great God of Every Blessing | AURELIA



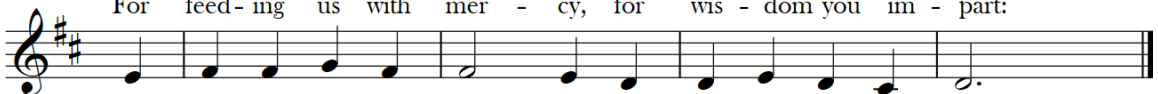
Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
Your word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God,
we are a people who still choose darkness over light.
We prefer the shade of partial truths than the light of your full revelation.
We keep shameful secrets,
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves truly.
Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves as loved.
Bring us into your light that we may learn that it is gentle, not harsh.
By your gracious light, prepare us to be a people
ready to walk with your son into any darkness,
where we will not get lost,
but will keep faith in the glory that you have planned for us.

—Silence—

KYRIE Lord, Have Mercy | KYRIE ELEISON (REINDORF)

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

We Listen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 9: 1–41 (NT, pp. 102–103)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Speaking for Myself

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” (John 9:25)

We Respond

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) | *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;
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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Give Me Jesus | African American Spiritual

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus;
You may have all this world;
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus...

We Are Sent

HYMN 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See | OPEN MY EYES



O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Worship Notes

AN INVITATION TO LENT

During the season of Lent, we accompany Jesus as he makes his arduous way to the cross. The way of the cross puts our faith to the test. We pray that, tested, we will come out of Lent clearer, truer, and stronger disciples of our Lord.

LENTEN CROSS

The Lenten cross in the front of the sanctuary was once a Chrismon tree, standing in the Narthex decorated with Chrismon ornaments in preparation for the birth of Christ. Stripped and laid bare, it was refashioned to form this cross.

LENTEN CROWN OF THORNS

The crown of thorns sits where it did during Advent, but now it is bare and without the greens. The wreath serves as a reminder of the suffering that Christ will endure for our sakes. It was crafted for this use by SPC member Ginna Clark.

LENTEN BANNER

The banner that stands in the narthex throughout Lent, a Chi Rho cross overlaid with nails and a crown of thorns on a background of purple felt, was designed and created for this use by SPC member and artist, Martha Huggins.

COVER ART

The image on the cover of the bulletin this morning is *The Good Shepherd* ©Daniel Bonnell. A sacred painter, Bonnell's work is found in churches and cathedrals around the world within all denominations. Mr. Bonnell follows a Franciscan position of ethos that follows a kenosis position on life. More of Bonnell's work can be found at www.bonnellart.com.

MUSIC NOTE

Our hymns today can be found in the *Glory to God* hymnal. *Reprinted here with permission obtained from One License with license #A-719692.*

LANGUAGE IN WORSHIP

The language used in worship at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, to name God and to name each other, strives to be as broad and inclusive as God's love. We intend to embrace the rich diversity of God's people and images used to describe God.

Worship Participants

CLERGY

Rev. Joyce Shin
Rev. Sarah Cooper Searight
Alex Evangelista

MUSICIANS

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Scott Ness (tenor)

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Maxwell Smith (coordinator)
Stu Salsbury

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