

## The Service for the Lord's Day



**March 20, 2022**

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Third Sunday in Lent

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*Please silence all devices*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school is available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

### I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

“What Wondrous Love Is This” *Southern Harmony* arr. Susan Geschke

~Jubilate Bells

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: Our guide for this season, the book *Good Enough* reminds us, “We might feel we are climbing an ‘endless staircase’ of achievement, for high grades or success...[in] caregiving, work, or social pressure.” This Lent, we are taking some time to stop climbing ladders and staircases, to tend our souls slowly and lovingly, tilling the soil and embracing our holy lives, which God has made good.

#### RESPONSE

“Enough”



9 When we are weak, when we are wear-y, when we are bro-ken, God's grace is e-nough.

17 When there are sha-dows, when there is day-light, when there are fears, Christ's love is e-nough.

When we are thri-ving, when we are stri-ving, when we are seek-ing, God's spi-rit is e-nough.

Text: Emma Nickel, 2022; Music: Joseph Jackson, 2022

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*based on Psalm 63*

**All: Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast, we lift our hands and call your name, in need of healing—thirsting and hungry. Your steadfast love is better than life. Open us this day to your nourishment in the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky—in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #354

### “Just As I Am”

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*During announcements, please record your attendance in the pew-rack Friendship pad, and pass it to others seated in your pew. Visitors are invited to share contact info so we may offer a more personal welcome.*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Sometimes our sin gets sneaky and hides in the form of busyness or hard work. But nothing is truly hidden from God. And there is no reason for us to shy away from the God who always looks on us with compassion. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Forgive us, gracious God, for believing that our worth is found in our productivity. You called us into faith before we had any idea about it. Yet still, we assume we have to earn your love by what we do. Allow us to take off this heavy burden and set it down. Let us repent and turn toward you again. Show us that our relationship with you is built on the foundation of your goodness, not ours. Help our lives to flourish because they have been planted in your love.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Through Christ, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. God offers us love enough no matter how much we attain or achieve.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Hymn #734*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Share a no-contact sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart. Those at home are invited to text a message of peace to a friend or type a greeting of peace in the comments of the platform on which you are watching worship.*

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>1</sup>**

**All: Gracious God, we are always asking what is enough. Open us to your word and help us to encounter in it: enough love, enough gratitude, enough challenge to sustain us in faith. This we pray by the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

### **PSALM**

“Psalm 63”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Anne*, #84 “Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***“O God, my God, with eagerness I long to see your face;  
Lost in a dry and barren land, I thirst to taste your grace.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 63 ©1999 Michael Morgan; Psalter for Christian Worship; Witherspoon Press

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:1-9

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 77*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

“Hear My Prayer”

*Alexander Kopylov*

*~Chancel Choir*

*“Hear my prayer, oh Lord, and answer unto me: Keep not Thy peace from my soul. Unto Thee, oh God, do I lift up my heart; oh my God, I trust in Thee; Keep Thou my soul and deliver me. Bless the Lord, oh my soul: and all within me bless His holy name. Thou art exalted above the heavens, and Thy glory above the earth. Hear my prayer, oh Lord, and answer unto me.”*

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### **SERMON**

“Be Quick, but Don't Hurry”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

### III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

##### OFFERTORY

“Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord”

*Camille Saint-Saëns*

~*Dawson Trotman*

*“Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! He heard my cry.”*

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##### \*DOXOLOGY

*Hymn #34*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*LITANY**<sup>2</sup>—“A Prayer for When You Feel Like You’re Not Enough”

One: Dear God,

**All: What is this strange unease? It feels like restlessness, but it’s more than that. It’s the sense that some unnamed standard is convincing me that I will never be enough.**

*Choir: Smart enough. Pretty enough. Healthy enough. Young enough. Brave enough. Grateful enough.*

**All: I have come to the end of myself. I am not enough.**

One: There are cracks in everything, but You fill them with love.

**All: Fill me with Your divine presence that is entirely unimpressed by my attempts at perfection.**

*Choir: God, sing over me the truth of how You see me.*

**All: You made me in love, for love, and – somehow – it is enough.**

One: Blessed are we who see that intrinsic worth comes, not through our talents, but from You.

**All: Thank you for saving me from own dreams of perfection. Amen.**

##### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

## **IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*HYMN (page over →) “Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”**

This text was originally created in Pashto, which is the national language of Afghanistan as well as a provincial language of Pakistan and is spoken by more than fifty million people. The refrain seems to be an adaptation of phrases in Psalm 51:6 applied to Jesus.

Text: Pashto Hymn; trans. Alison Blenkinsop, 1995 ©1995 Alison Blenkinsop  
Music: Anon.; arr. Geoff Weaver ©1995 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Co.)

### **\*BLESSING FOR THE SEASON**

Inspired by a blessing in *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*  
by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York: Convergent, 2022).

### **POSTLUDE:**

“Prelude in c minor”

J.S. Bach  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 Portions of today's liturgy are adapted and drawn from worship resources from Marcia McFee and the Worship Design Studio, 2022.
- 2 *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York: Convergent, 2022), 164.

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

# Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

Refrain

Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em *Fine*

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Em Bm Am Em C Am Em

- 1 This our sin - ful hearts re-quire: flame of God's re - fin - ing fire,
- 2 Je - sus knows our deep - est fears, knows the pain of hid - den tears.
- 3 When our lives are in his hand noth - ing can his work with - stand;
- 4 So our faith will be re - stored by the word of Christ our Lord;

Em Em7 Am D7 Em Am7 Bm7 Em *to Refrain*

work - ing in us day by day till the dross is burned a - way.  
 By his words of love and peace ev - ery heart can find re - lease.  
 his for - give - ness sets us free, saves us for e - ter - ni - ty.  
 for the warmth his love im - parts melts the ver - y hard - est hearts.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Gretchen Hirsch to the glory of God,  
and to the fabulous FPCRO music program.

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### **Take-Out Soup & Salad Fundraiser for S.T.A.G.E. Mission Trip**

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry has a tradition of a spring Soup and Salad dinner. This year, FPCRO gets to enjoy it, too and the whole meal will be served in a take-out format. All proceeds go towards sending the S.T.A.G.E. students on their summer Mission Trip to Knoxville, Tennessee. Order pickup is **Sunday, March 27**, at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church** (2312 Greenfield Rd., Berkley) **between 12 noon and 2 pm**. Price is \$8 per order, which includes soup (mushroom beef barley, tomato basil bisque, or turkey wild rice), salad, and bread. **The deadline to order is today, March 20**. Turn in your form to the offering plate with payment or place your order online at <https://forms.gle/T1FEbriLFuPkwn7c9>

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### **Easter Flowers**

Place your order for flowers to grace the sanctuary on Easter morning.  
Orders are due by **today, March 20**. Use the gold order form available at the reception desk.

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### **Lenten Reflection Services**

This Lent, Joseph Jackson is again offering short vespers services to hear scripture and poetry, to offer up prayer, and sit in silent meditation. This year's services will be **online-only** and are now available on the church website. New services will be released on **March 24** and **April 7**.

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### **March H.O.M.E. Project**

As FPCRO installs a new children's library in our church, we are inviting the congregation to help us fill the shelves with high-quality favorites in children's literature. **Return your hardcover book by the end of the month and be sure to include your name on the bag so we can create a book plate recognizing your gift.** Thank you for sharing this gift with our wider community.

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### **Kirkman Scholarships**

Applications are available on the church website and are due to Joelle Jarrait by **March 27**. High school seniors and others seeking higher education are encouraged to apply.

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### **Save the Date for a Hands-On Mission Event!**

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, FPCRO is hosting a **Rise Against Hunger** event in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. Together, we will package an extraordinary number of meals that will be sent around the world. Use this link to sign up so that a space is reserved for you! <https://tinyurl.com/2p94mzd9> A simple lunch will be served immediately following worship for all volunteers with a suggested donation of \$5. If you have questions, contact Candace Rieck, member of the Mission & Benevolence Committee, or call the church office.