

Traditional Worship

February 26, 2023
8:45 am



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Lent

Worship Notes

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this Sunday morning.

What is Lent? "Lent" comes from the Old English word *lenct* (meaning "spring"), which named the season often associated with this time period. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a 40-day countdown to Easter, intended to symbolize the 40 day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, recorded in the Gospels (e.g. Matthew 4). There are actually more than 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, but the church calendar doesn't count Sundays, since all Sundays are now the Lord's Day, the day of the week we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Furthermore, Lent is a season of preparation as we look and move toward Holy Week (that week symbolizing Jesus' last week prior to the crucifixion and resurrection, where we celebrate days such as Good Friday and Easter). Traditionally, Christians take up practices during Lent which symbolize repentance, such as fasting. More important than *our* works, however, is remembering Jesus' work on our behalf. Lent is a great period to continually reflect on the fact that Jesus not only died for us, He *lived* for us. And His perfection and good works is the lens through which God looks at us when we put our faith in Him. He certainly died to pay the penalty for our sins. But He also lived to give us a righteousness we could never live out ourselves.

God Gathers Us

Prelude

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" - Brahms

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

Introit

#387 The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Hymn of Confession

#261 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

We Respond to God's Presence

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:10-14

Gloria Patri no. 733

Worship Through Giving

Anthem

Without Love it Will All Pass Away - Words: from 1 Cor. 13; Music: Lawson

Prayer of Intercession

Doxology no. 34

Greeting

After the Greeting, kids Preschool—5th grade may be sent to kids church.

God Reveals His Word to Us

Love Song

Sermon

Rev. Chris Piehl

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (pages 1785 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God!

Series: This Thing Called Love

Message: What Spiritually Challenged People Need

We Go Forth in Joy

Closing Hymn

#51 How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Postlude

Toccatto on "Amazing Grace" - J. Christopher Pardini

Prayer for the Week

O God,
to those who have hunger, give bread,
and to us who have bread,
give the hunger for justice.

(World Council of Churches)

Why are the rails up? You'll notice kneeling rails lining boundaries of our chancel area. They offer us meanings both symbolic and practical. The rails were first put up on Ash Wednesday (last week) for the purpose of taking communion in a kneeling posture. Lent is a season of self-reflection and humbling, and we keep the rails up, therefore, as a reminder that we have entered a time of repentance and need. The rails are also up during this season so that they can be of actual use for those who would like to, after the services or even during the week, come and pray.

Giving: In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or online here: <https://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/cherrycreekpres.org>

Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Assisting in Worship Flute Choir: Jenna Rossi, Hyunjin Park, Lori Nagel, Anne Myers, Allison Robbins, Julie Seeley, Zach Vaughan, Walker Hans, Phyllis Hans, Lu Downing, accompanist; Amanda Vaughan, Communications Coord.; Sanctuary Choir; Cheryl Mendes-Ellis, Dir. Community Engagement; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

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