

Sunday, February 12, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE

HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is real for us and for all people everywhere.

People: We are here to celebrate the love of God, share it, and be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is right here with us!

People: Let's join together to praise the Lord our God!

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have often not loved you as fully as we should. You call us, but we don't always listen or respond as you wish. We sometimes walk away from those in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have sometimes gone along with evil, cooperated with it and fed it. The evidence of this is clear to us in our pride, in our unexamined opinions and even in divisiveness. We often don't look at ourselves or others through your eyes or with your heart of love. . . . [a period of silence is offered for our own personal confession] Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may turn to you and receive mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #525

"Here I Am, Lord"

Sanctuary Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sheree Fleming & Alex Huck

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After this message, all K-5th Grade students may go downstairs to Sunday School.

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For the Desperate"

Scripture: John 4:43-54

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

SONG

"I Surrender"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Session has set a date for ERPC's Annual Congregational Meeting that will include information on our 2023 budget and other reports and updates of a timely nature. Please plan to attend in person if at all possible. Virtual attendance will also be offered. The meeting will begin at the end of worship on February 19.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria:

In light of the horrendous devastation to the countries of Turkey and Syria, our Missions Committee recommends two opportunities for our financial gifts which will show our love and care as followers of Jesus. We are encouraged to give directly to these two branches of our Presbyterian mission outreach:

1. For funding that goes to PCUSA partner agencies for widest use in the regions impacted go to pma.pcusa.org and give to fund #DR999999 (or call 800-872-3283).
2. For funding that goes to specific congregations in the regions impacted go to theoutreachfoundation.org and follow pull-downs to “emergency relief” and then “Middle East Earthquake Relief.”

Some of our worship materials today are adapted from Life in Liturgy. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com>, the PCUSA website. <http://www.pcusa.org>, *Thirsting for Grace: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Renee C. Jackson posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>, and The Rev. Kate Dunn, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

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