

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

We've Come This Far by Faith

No. 656

*Benediction

Postlude

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2024

Sunday Order of Worship

11:00 AM

**We are a community of believers, sharing God's love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one's time, talent, and money.

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* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus’ death and our celebration of His resurrection. We pray that Your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus’ death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*Hymn of Praise

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No. 353

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, You despise nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes.” Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!
—based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 22: 23-31

Pew Bible page 392

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible page 714

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

A Growing Resolve

Dr. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Love Lifted Me

(Insert)

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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 at 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.

Prayer of Intercession

Jim Anderson

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving