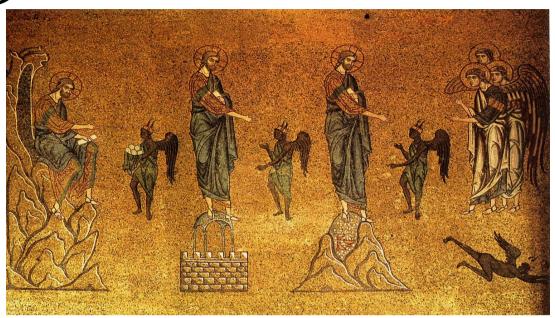


Worship for Sunday March 10, 2019 10:30 a.m. Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World



### **Preparation for Worship**

You are the peace of all things calm You are the place to hide from harm You are the light that shines in dark You are the heart's eternal spark You are the door that's open wide You are the guest who waits inside You are the stranger at the door You are the calling of the poor You are my Lord and with me still You are my love, keep me from ill You are the light, the truth, the way You are my Saviour this very day.

Celtic oral tradition - 1st millennium

#### We Gather in God's Name

Prelude Sean Cator, Pianist

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

Come Thou Fount Come Thou King

Praise Band

† Call to Worship

One: Let our light shine!

Many: Let our hearts be glad!

One: God is faithful to us, and God seeks to know us and to love us.

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

Many: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

Many: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

**†** Hymn #31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

### Prayer of Confession

Teach us your ways, O God, for our ways aren't working.

We sow seeds of division and rancor. We hurt and diminish one another. We give up on those who are broken or struggling or confused or different. We tire of striving for the good and we accept the good enough. We miss the beauty in our midst, or we fail to tend and keep it. We do not replenish the storehouses of kindness or compassion. We act from self-interest or cowardice. We resist transformation. Forgive us, O God. Within the narrow spaces of our hearts, bring light, bring newness, bring hope—bring your kingdom among us and with us and despite us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

# Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the

East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgression from us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

### We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel Arr. Emmerson

Children's Message Penny Newsome

Officers Message Termy Newson

Scripture Lesson Luke 4:1-13

**†** Hymn #43

On Eagle's Wings

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon

The Temptation of a Lesser Kingdom Rev. Dr. Benton Trawick

Congregational Meeting to Elect and Recognize Elders Emeritus

Robert Louis (Bob) Rawlins, Eugene A. (Gene) Williams Posthumously: George Franklin Towery, Malcolm George Weaver

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Where You Are

**Praise Band** 

Response #409

God Is Here! (Verse 4)

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Prayer of Dedication

Penny Newsome

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## We Depart To Serve God

**†** Hymn #741

Guide My Feet (Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)

**†** Benediction

Postlude

Sean Cator, Pianist



The Flowers Are Dedicated by Kim and Steve Gretsuk

"In Honor of Mildred Gretsuk"

Your greeters today were Eileen and Greg Simmermacher.



WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY! PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.

*ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP* - ... Even if they fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is available downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 4-year-olds.

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship: K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

*SUNDAY SCHOOL* - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 5-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

**GRACE INSIGHTS** - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in groups that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

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