



*Worship for the Fourth
Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019
10:30 a.m.*

*Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World*



Preparation for Worship

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register.

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Praise Band

† Call to Worship

One: Come as you are, broken and burdened,

Many: And find healing in God's goodness.

One: Come as you are, gifted and beloved,

Many: And find purpose in God's calling.

One: Come as you are, weary and wary,

Many: And find comfort in God's embrace.

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Many: Let us worship God with gladness!

† Hymn #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are too often blinded by our own ideas and ideologies, too often bound by our own aims and agendas, too often caught up in our own prejudices and priorities. Forgive us, for in this self-serving state, we have erred and strayed. Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Where can we go from God's spirit, or flee from God's presence? If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there, God shall lead us and God's hand shall hold us fast. For God seeks us in love wherever we may be. Friends, believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Response Hymn #792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Recognition of Alem Bryant as Stephen Minister

We Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Focusing on the Figs

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Down by the Riverside
Jennifer Neel, Soprano, and Barbara Neel, Alto

† 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

Tim Stryker

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Hymn #729

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Wondrous Cross
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Larson



*The Flowers Are Dedicated by
Dave Lincoln to his Mother*

“In Honor of Maxine Lincoln’s 100th Birthday”

Your greeters today were Fran and Chet McLaren.



***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 avail-
able 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.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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