



CALVARY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

March 3rd, 2024

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome

*Call to Worship *(from Psalm 27)*

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: The psalmist sings, “One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

Leader: to behold the beauty of the Lord,

People: and to inquire in God’s temple.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good,

People: and in love and mercy greets us here.

*Opening Hymn #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Poem “Forgiveness” by John Greenleaf Whittier

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Savior, we confess that there is much in our lives that does not reflect your kingdom love. You long to give us new life and call us to live in the power of Christ’s resurrection. Yet we cling to wounds and resentments. We withhold mercy from ourselves and others. We fail to forgive as you have forgiven us. We recognize that these patterns are harmful and deprive us of the abundant life you desire for us. We are sorry, God, and want to choose a different way. By the power of your Spirit, remake us into resurrection people who love your kingdom above all else. For the sake of Christ we pray ...

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous; our righteousness comes through faith in Christ who has made us his own. Friends, hear the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Our old life has passed away and our new life has begun.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Musical Response #431 “Forgive Us, Lord” vs. 3

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Matthew 18:21-35 and Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Traits of Kingdom Living: Practicing Forgiveness”

*Hymn #444 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Time for Response to Sermon

Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn #507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #769 "For Everyone Born" vs. 1, 4, 5

*Benediction

Postlude

"Noble March"

by Mark Hayes

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;

Dale Vodehnal, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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