



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

Our Lenten journey takes us through the wilderness to discover you anew, O God.

The wilderness is a place where we find the building stones of faith.

The wilderness is a place where we have to step out in faith to get to a new place.

The wilderness is a place of longing, lament, and miracles.

The wilderness is a place where we discover rules to shape us.

The wilderness is a place where we worship God.

Find us in the wilderness, O God.

May the wilderness be for us a place of discovery and renewal of faith.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us learn to live together according to your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Time of silent confession).

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(John 13: 34-35)

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 443, There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

C.J. Prater

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 119: 33-40

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

arr. Diane Bish

Ashley Traugher, soprano and Parker Hinnenkamp, organ

(Text and tune: Hymn 839)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20: 1-21

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Postcards from the Wilderness: The Law

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 61

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

(The Westminster Confession of Faith)

Who was sent to be the Messiah?

God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ, because God anointed him to be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.

How did Jesus Christ prove to be our Savior?

He sacrificed his life for us by dying on the cross. He showed his victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.

LENTEN MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

During Lent, we will be using a Bidding Prayer. When the leader says, "your kingdom come," the congregation responds by praying, "your will be done."

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 608, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of MacKenzie Belle Jones, born March 8 to proud parents Karen and Aaron Jones, proud sister Vivian Rose, and grandparents Mike and Kathy Laney.

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prayer Concerns

David McCullar
Kim Warner
Catherine Mitchell
Twila Kimbrough

Harriet Laney
Andrea Godwin-Stremmer
Steve Shirley
Pat Hiler

Helen Harrison
Scott Hendrix
Suzanne Barody

James Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Mary Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Graham Coleman, family member of Lisa Haddad
Gavin Griffin, nephew of Pat Reinke
Margie and Flamen Ball, parents of Marissa Glasschroeder and Michael Ball
Alberto Canas, friend of Alison and Kevin McStravick
Sandy and Woody Franks, friends of Stephen Carey
Ray Hundley, brother of Barbara Sims
Howard Shaw, friend of Susan Conn
Danelle Smith, daughter-in-law of Chuck Smith
Rosie McIntyre, daughter-in-law of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Sandi Parker, friend of the Campbells
Gino Curcuruto, uncle of Chris Curcuruto
Don Samuelson, husband of Gini Samuelson
Barbara Smith, sister of Linda Heilig

Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia
Drennan Fuller and Family, friend of Caitlyn Coyner
Steven Purser, brother of John Purser
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Sally Kyser, friend of Belle and Ray Speir
Alice Condry, mother of Berniece Condry
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousins of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Darryl Spiegel, brother of Sandy Spiegel
Rachel Moore, mother of Sharon Lunsford
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle
Family of Jennifer Glidden, friend of Chris Curcuruto

When We Are Tested


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Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Em Bm Em Bm



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)
F#m C#7 F#m Esus E



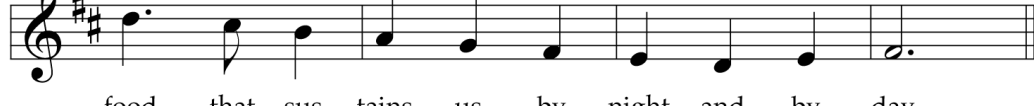
fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)
A E F#m7 G



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)
Bm6 D Em Bm F#

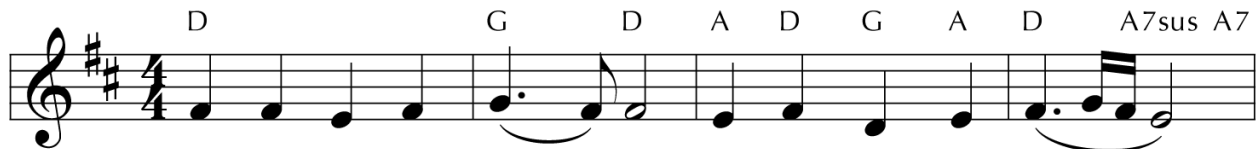


food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1–11/Mark 1:12–13/Luke 4:1–13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins “when,” not “if”; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

There Is a Redeemer

443



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

61 Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

(Psalm 19)

1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
3 My strength and my re - deem - er, law - giv - er and true light,

how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

608

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, with lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all'. The second staff contains the next four measures, with lyrics 'peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -'. The third staff contains the final three measures, with lyrics 'more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G in the first staff; D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7 in the second staff; G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G in the third staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
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PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung,
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 119: 33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

Exodus 20: 1-21

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Super Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, March 17

Meal by Liz Whitaker, which can be purchased at the link below for Super Wednesday prices.

\$5/Adults; \$2/Children; College/Free; Family Maximum/\$10

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Cherry Pineapple Cobbler

Deadline: Sunday, March 14 at midnight

Pickup: Wednesday, March 17 at 5:00pm at St. Andrew parking lot

Super Wednesday Classes

Children

Puppet Ministry and
Children's Time
6:00pm

Youth

Youth Group
7:30pm

Adults

The Wave
(College Group)
6:30pm

Thin Line Film Festival

Susan Davis
6:30pm

Men's Book Study

On Wednesday March 17 the St. Andrew Men's Book Study Group will begin meeting again each Wednesday at 8:00am at the Great Egg on Loop 288. If you choose not to attend there in person, you may choose to meet virtually via Zoom.

Return to In-person Worship

At its February Session meeting, the Session affirmed its previous decision to return to limited, in-person worship. We will begin again the RSVP process for worship services. Sign up for in-person worship on March 21 on St. Andrew Connect.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, March 20

9:00am-3:00pm, Rec Center

Register online at redcross.org.

School Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

The Diaconate is collecting for the Denton Christian Preschool! Their greatest needs right now are construction paper and glue sticks. Items can be dropped off in the church office. If you want to make financial contributions for supplies, please make checks out to "Preschool Supply Drive". You can also give online through Realm. For any questions, please contact Natalie Green at nataliegreen@yahoo.com.

By the Numbers: As of 2/28/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$118,132
Expenses	\$135,912
Difference	-\$17,780

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give



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