

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Welcome

Prelude

“Communion Medley”
Fourth Flutes; Fred Markey, organ

arr. Mary Jean Simpson

***Congregational Introit**

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Beecher

Bless the Lord, my soul; my whole heart ever bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not all his mercies to proclaim.
For as high as is the heaven, far above the earth below,
Ever great to them that fear him is the love that he will show.

~*Psalm 103:1-2, 11*

***Call to Worship**

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn No. 66**

“To God Be the Glory”

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Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession

8:00 Rev. Rob Yancey

9:30 Rev. Corey Gray

11:00 Rev. Corey Gray

Old Testament Reading

8:00 Linda Sillin

9:30 Jen Shreckhise

11:00 Elaine Smoot

Zechariah 3:1-10

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***Hymn No. 67**

“The Love of God”

Love of God

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

8:00 John Sillin

9:30 Peter Beukema

11:00 John Sillin

Offertory

“Blessed Be the God and Father”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Valerie Kraft-Simonsen, soprano; Ben Wallis, bass; Sanctuary Choir

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently,
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth forevermore. Amen.

~*from 1 Peter 1*

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Rev. Thomas Myrick, Dr. Robert Norris, and Rev. Rob Yancey, *Pastors*

***11:00—Hymn No. 624—Doxology**

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.

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7–21

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Sermon

“God Is Love”
10th in a series on the Book of 1 John

Rev. Thomas Myrick

***Hymn**

“God Is Love”

Abbot's Leigh

God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Invitation to Communion**

***Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed**

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. you alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord's Supper

*Passing of the Peace

*Communion Response

"Communion Hymn"

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Prelude in G major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

* *Congregation standing, if able*

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Tonight's Evening Service

6:00pm

"A Word for Today"

Hebrews 3:7-19

Rev. Rob Yancey

Next Sunday, March 26

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

"Overcoming the World"

1 John 5:1-12

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm Agape meal in the Upper Room

"Heirs of God's Promised Rest"

Hebrews 4:1-13

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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