

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House



## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2018  
8:30 and 11 a.m.

### WELCOME

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

### PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE      *O Master, let me walk with thee*      Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

INTROIT      Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Master, let me walk with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

—Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

**We take up the cross to follow him.**

Let us worship God.

### SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

*Please turn off all cell phones. We ask that no photos be taken during the service.*

▲ *Stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing to the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things—the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence...**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 575

Lord, have mercy upon us

J. Christopher Pardini (born 1973)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ LENTEN ACT OF PRAISE

*Rathbun*

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace there is that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

▲ PASSING THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet your neighbors saying:

**“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

Respond by saying: **“And also with you.”**

**GOD’S WORD TO US**

ANTHEM

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.

—Isaac Watts (1674-1748); music arranged Gilbert M. Martin (born 1941)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pew Bible, p. 12

Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible, p. 41

Cleve Lisecki, Lay Reader

TIME WITH CHILDREN *11 a.m.*

*Following the children's time, children age 5 through 3rd grade are invited to attend Bridges to Worship.*

Leader And as our children depart for Bridges to Worship, we say...

**Congregation** **May God be with you there.**

Leader And the children say...

**Children** **May God be with you here.**

▲ HYMN OF PREPARATION 459

O Word of God Incarnate

*Munich*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Our Mind Set

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Declaration of Faith, 1977*

**Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world but one of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION: FAMILY TO FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 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 OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Harold W. Friedell (1905-58)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;  
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

▲ DOXOLOGY 708

*Schumann*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8:30 a.m.

The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know. All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Liturgy:                   The Lord be with you.  
                                  **And also with you.**  
                                  Lift up your hearts.  
                                  **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
                                  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
                                  **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus 552 (sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

▲ HYMN OF DEDICATION 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*Bourbon*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

▲ POSTLUDE

*The God of Abraham praise*

arr. Michael Burkhardt (born 1957)