

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers. Should you need a restroom, the Narthex family bathroom is available. After the service begins, both Narthex bathrooms will be available.

* Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(From Psalm 147)*

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

ALL: We proclaim the wisdom and majesty of our Lord. With our whole hearts we come before God in worship.

HYMN

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor, and ourselves as we should.

People: Let us make the good confession before God and others.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of greed and lust, of sins of negligence and disobedience. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love, and to live as people professing you as our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. May we listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Through Christ the Holy One. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 10:1-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 2:1-8

HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Sanctuary”

Emily Mitchell

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-22

SERMON

"Purple Daze, Part 3: Objects of Hypocrisy"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

"Get these out of here!" -John 2:16

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(*from A Brief Statement of faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Serving of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

A TIME OF GIVING

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at www.springbranchpres.org/give.

Departing to Serve

HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: O God, your commandments give us a sense of direction for renewing our discipleship. Your way and pattern of life shown in your commandments enables us to enter ever more deeply into the Christian life. We ponder your commandments in their depth and breadth. You have called us not just to refrain from violence, but to restrain hurtful and unkind words, especially our own. Empower us to live by your way in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Holy one, help us to be an embodiment of the peace that we pass to one another, and by so doing that we might be your peace in the world. We know too well our divisions, but help us bear witness to a different reality. Help us begin the process of healing and deliverance. Help us form new ways of being in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another. Empower us to live out of your love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity and reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all nations, we pray for all countries around the globe — for those who have been charged to exercise leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them to discern the wise use of resources, including vaccines, to address the needs of citizens suffering from the pandemic and its grave economic strains. And move us all to attend to the cries of the marginal in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.

Announcements & Events

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 AM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 7 of *Into the Light*. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive a Zoom invitation for both studies. The Lesson 7 video can be viewed at www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14th! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

We will have Easter Lilies again this year! Place your order now through Friday, April 2nd. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org, calling the Church and leaving a voicemail (713-464-7659), or using this [Google Form \(https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99\)](https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99). The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering box on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students.

Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.

March 7 — Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

March 8 — Monday
5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

March 9 — Tuesday
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

March 10 — Wednesday
9:30 am PW Circle (Zoom)

March 11 — Thursday
9:30 am Congregational Care Meeting

March 12 — Friday

March 13 — Saturday

March 14 — Fourth Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Starts
9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

March 15 — Monday
5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting

March 16 — Tuesday
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

March 17 — Wednesday
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS:
Lemon Pepper Chicken!

March 18 — Thursday

March 19 — Friday

March 20 — Saturday
PresPress Articles Due





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