

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 7, 2021**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**

*Primavera*

*Ludovico Einaudi*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



**Call to Worship**

*Celia Weber*

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,  
O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.**

Let us worship the Triune God. Amen.



**Invocation**

*Celia Weber*

All glorious God, we give you thanks:  
in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
you have given us every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly realms.  
You chose us, before the world was made,  
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.  
You adopted us as your children in Christ.  
You have set us free by his blood;  
you have forgiven our sins.  
You have made known to us your secret purpose,  
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.  
You have given us your Holy Spirit,  
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.  
All praise and glory be yours, O God,  
for the richness of your grace,  
for the splendor of your gifts,  
for the wonder of your love.



**Hymn 92**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise!  
Amen.*

**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Celia Weber*

**Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus:  
we have so much to do;  
we possess so much stuff;  
we're driven by the need for still more—  
and it easily seems to control us.  
We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become  
and for losing our way  
without even realizing it.  
Forgive us and help us  
to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Celia Weber*

What then are we to say about these things?  
If God is for us, who is against us?  
He who did not withhold his own Son,  
but gave him up for all of us,  
will he not with him also give us everything else?  
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?  
It is God who justifies.  
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,  
who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.  
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**! Gloria Patri**      *There is a Redeemer*

*Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.  
Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'til the work on earth is done.*

### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

**Offering**      *\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out*

**Offertory**      *"It is Well With My Soul"*      *Bliss*  
*Flute & Piano Duet*

**! 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. A-men.*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

All good things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your  
image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves,  
and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each  
other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 381**

*Open My Eyes, that I May See*

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key,  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let it bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;  
Open my heart, and le me prepare,  
Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

## **Proclaiming** **God speaks to us through His Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture Reading**

*1 Corinthians 3:5-17*

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation,

and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

### **Sermon**

*"Field, Building, and Temple"*  
Rev. Tim Latham

### **Responding** ***We respond to God's Word***

### **Special Music**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*Flute & Piano Duet*

### **Sacrament of Communion**

*(Prepackaged Communion elements are in your pew.)*  
*(\*Please dispose of your used communion packaging when leaving Worship . Waste receptacles are located at the top of the stairs)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

### **Invitation to the Table**

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **Profession of Faith**

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through  
the ages.

**People: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are**

in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

#### Hymn 462

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relive us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us. Love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

#### Benediction & Blessing

#### Postlude

*My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice*

*Camille Saint Saens*

## Congregational Meeting

\*Guest Pianist Today is Thomas Alberici