

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.

Austin, Texas

March 17, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Michael Helman

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

WELCOME *Please sign the friendship register at this time and pass it down the row, then return it to its original position, noting the names of those worshipping with you. At the conclusion of the service, take time to greet one another in the name of Christ.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 30

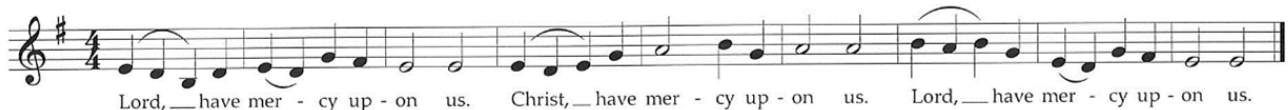
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

David Johnson



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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PARDON

*RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Hymn 734

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

Tina Allen, soloist

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son
That whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

**Those who are able, please stand*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

New Testament, page 851

SERMON

The Shrewd Manager

Jill Williams

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

This is My Father's World

Hymn 21

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Motherless Child

African-American Spiritual

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child a long way from home.
Sometimes I feel like I got no friends, a long way from home.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost home, a long way from home.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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.

*PARTING HYMN

You Call Us, Lord

Hymn 583

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Assisting in Worship

Jon Wasson at 9:30, 11:00 and 11:05

Lay Liturgists – Alice Sessi and Michael Maham at 8:15, Melanie Williamson at 9:30, Daniel Tomlin at 11:00

The GraceNotes Vocal Ensemble – Louise Avant, Interim Director

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir – Linda Rutherford, Director

Organist – Sheryl Evans

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

Jill Williams preaching at 11:05 in the Contemporary Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Sandy and Dudley Youman with gratefulness and praise for the lives of their grandchildren with March birthdays: Haley Youman, Sierra Estep, and Carson Youman.

Encouraging one another to follow Jesus
wherever we live, work, and play.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL – If you're looking for a Lenten practice of prayer and scripture reading, we invite you to pray and read with us every day by subscribing to the daily devotional email: covenant.org/dailydevo.

NEW BIBLES – Thank you to Covenant Foundation for placing more than 180 Bibles in the sanctuary to ensure that every person has access to a Bible during the worship service!

To see if you have one of the new Bibles, open the front cover and look for the Foundation nameplate. Please visit covenant.org/foundation to learn more about the Foundation and how it serves Covenant.

For more information about events at Covenant, please see *Covenant Matters*.

NEW TO COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! Please introduce yourself by signing the red welcome booklet in each pew. Find out more about our community at the coffee bar in FE200 following the service. Our prayer is that Covenant becomes your second family. We want you to feel comfortable here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith. For more information on Covenant's many groups, programs, and events, head up to the coffee bar in our Fellowship & Education Building to visit with Amy Skaggs or contact her at askaggs@covenant.org. Amy is eager to meet and discuss ways of connecting. You can also find out more by visiting our website at covenant.org.

Four services of worship are offered each Sunday — 8:15 a.m. (a traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (traditional services) and 11:05 a.m. (contemporary service). A shuttle service carries worshipers from the parking lot at the Texan Eye Center at 5717 Balcones Drive at Northland Drive, two blocks west of campus. Shuttle service runs from 7:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of celebration and joy: Michael Gregory Neff, born February 26. Parents are Julie Winn and Greg Neff. Grandparents are Keni and John Neff.

Prayers of sympathy and support: Jennifer and Ryan Palm, family and friends, on the death of Jennifer's father, Jim Clayton, on March 13.

Nancy and Steve Bissell, family and friends, on the death of Nancy's mother, Sydney Luellen, on March 11.

Kazzye and Kurt Martens, family and friends, on the death of Kazzye's father, Walter Wilson, on March 11.

Susan and Larry Zatopek, family and friends, on the death of Susan's mother, Evelyn Crawford, on March 1.

Scott and Mary Moore, family and friends, on the death of Mary's father, Karl W. Pfleiderer, Jr., on February 21.

Prayers for: T.J. Chapman, John Winkler, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Husted, Dick McCracken, Helene Maham, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Bridget Lonseth, Lois Davis, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: Lt. Will Beckham, USAF 2LT Gonzalo Hernando, USMC Capt. Katherine Ashton, USA Sgt. Jessica Choe, USA 2LT Ben Smith, USN LCDR Bryan Gunkel, USAF Lt. Katy Deiters, USAF A1C Taylor Cotham, USA Maj. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USAF Lt. Col. Joseph Chennault, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: Continued prayers for Melisa Olivera and Silvia Fondén. Thanksgiving for brothers and sisters walking beside us in tornado disaster recovery efforts. ¡Alabanzas al Señor!

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Religious Coalition to Assist the Homeless and Pam & Nico Daams at Wycliffe.

Prayers requested by the Session: Prayers for the new connections and communities formed through small groups this Lenten season.

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Kay Austin in the church office, 512 334-3030, or kaustin@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.

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