

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...who wants to have a relationship with you

When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach (1695-1750)

Liebster Jesus, Wir Sind Hier

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

IN THE LIFE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Steve

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were born,

Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting,

{All, in unison} **You are God.**

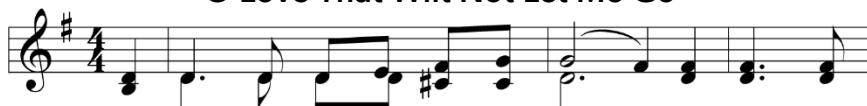
Let us worship our God.

adapted from Psalm 90:1-2

* OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Samira Kassouni, Liturgist

*Lord, through Your Son,
You have given us a gift beyond our imagination,
the promise of eternal life.
Because of that, we can know that our future is secure.
We can declare with the Apostle Paul
that nothing will ever separate us from Your love.
In spite of that, Lord, we often do not live
as if You had made our future certain.
We let worry and fear control us and miss
the joy that You long to see overflow our lives.
Help us to live as people whose future is assured.
Help us to let Your joy fill us
and overflow into our world.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.*

* A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good News in Christ
is that when we face ourselves and God
with the awareness of our need,
we are given grace to grow,
and courage to continue the journey.
Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel.
Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace of Christ in whatever way feels comfortable to you—whether with a handshake, a friendly wave, or a simple "Peace be with you."

*** LENTEN RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 227

**Jesus Remember Me
(Sing twice)**

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

*The children will remain seated.
Following the Children's Moment,
the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.*

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

Hymn No. 47, Verse 1

Bless All Who Trust in God

1 Bless all who trust in God and walk with - in God's ways;

bless ev - ery soul whose hap - pi - ness springs from the Lord's own praise!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Pour out Your Spirit upon us, O Lord,
and quicken our minds
that we may perceive
how best to grow in faith.
Amen.***

Daniel 3:19-30

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary,²⁰ and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.²¹ So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.

²²Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.²³ But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king."²⁵ He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god."

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

²⁹Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

ANTHEM

Gallus Dressler (1533 - c. 1585)

Sic Deus dilexit mundum

TPC Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 171

1 Corinthians 8

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.

¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Steve

Growing Up - Adolescence (Part 2)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

We thank You for giving us the freedom
to choose to love You...

We thank You for the gift of Your presence...

We thank You for being patient with us as we grow up...

We pray for healing of every kind for all who need it...

We pray for those who are grieving...

We pray for those who need hope...

We offer thanks for helping us know the joy of giving...

We offer You our hearts for You to change...

We offer ourselves to be Your hands, feet and voices...

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

***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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

C. H. Kitson (1874-1944)

Jesu, Grant me This, I Pray

TPC Chancel Choir

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 708, Verse 1

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of Your kingdom,
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures
of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

*** BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*During the postlude, please feel free to depart,
or to remain and enjoy the music.*

POSTLUDE

Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

Introduction Chorale, Op.25

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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