

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- In Africa, 90% of the work of gathering water and wood is done by women.
- Women and girls often spend up to 6 hours a day fetching water.
- Reducing the distance to a water source from 30 minutes to 15 minutes increased girls' school attendance by 12% according to a study in Tanzania.

— http://www.unwater.org/fileadmin/user_upload/unwater_new/docs/water_and_gender.pdf

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Land of Rest* George Shearing

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 95

L: Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD!

P: Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let's come before God with thanks!

P: Let's shout songs of joy to the LORD!

***HYMN #81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

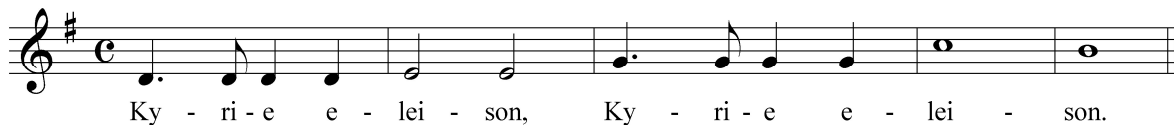
CALL TO CONFESSION based on Romans 5:5

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on John 4:5-24

refrain



(Kyrie eleison means “Lord, have mercy.”)

**Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

refrain

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.**

refrain

**Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

refrain

[We observe a time for silent confession]

refrain

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Romans 5:8-10

L: This is the good news of God’s grace:
Once we were lost and dead—
now Christ has become our life and salvation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Let us share our joy with one another with signs
of reconciliation and friendship.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on John 4:41-42

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God...

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.

Older children are invited to remain and worship.)

GOSPEL READING

John 4:4-42

(NT p.)

L: The Gospel of the Lord. P: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Spring Is In the Air

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #440

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

based on John 4:5-42
Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Saving God, you are the giver of living water,
the source of deepest compassion,
the fountain of eternal life.
Therefore we pray to you:
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are thirsty—
thirsty for a life of meaning,
thirsty for a word of grace,
thirsty for a drink of water ...
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are weary—
weary from life's long journey,
weary from quarreling and testing,
weary from pain or grief ...
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are broken—
broken by sin and suffering,
broken by hard disappointment,
broken by acts of violence ...
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those we name now aloud or in silence ...

[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and joy]

Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, through your Spirit,
pour your love into our hearts,
your grace into our lives,
your healing into our world,
until the earth is filled with your glory as the waters cover the sea;
through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

**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.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Draw Up the Water from the Well James E. Clemens
Anthem text based on John 4:1-26

DOXOLOGY #605

“Praise to God the Father”

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

John 4:34

O God, Jesus was sustained by doing your work and will. May these offerings sustain us as we seek to do your will and do your work. And may they enable us to feed people not only with living water and spiritual bread, but with real bread and water, revealing your kingdom and eternal life to hearts, minds and bodies. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
And Bear It Into the World**

*HYMN #494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Sung three times

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

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Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Chris Leonard – *liturgist*

Faye & Jim Dickson – *greeters and refreshments*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*

And next week:

Jack Henderson – *liturgist*

Justin Near and Claire Armbruster – *offering counters*

Children and Worship

The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery. For faith development, we value older children (over 5) experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found outside in the narthex.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

130 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on October 15

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:64, Children:6

Tuesday Noon Bible Study

5 people gathered for lunch, fellowship, and Bible Study.

Wednesday Lunch Ministry

226 people enjoyed lunch in a warm and friendly environment.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Assistance

13 people received assistance from the pastor's discretionary fund this week.

Visitors and Tourists

8 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

2:00 Carol Howard Merritt book event – the Sanctuary

Monday, March 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Tuesday, March 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

12:00 Bible Study – Parlor 2

Wednesday, March 22

Noon Lunch served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

6:00 Worship & Arts Committee – Mike Wilson's house

Thursday, March 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Friday, March 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 1

Saturday, March 25

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, March 26

9:00 Morning Brew
– Morning Brew Lounge

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

11:00 Worship – the Sanctuary

1:00 Session– Parlor 2

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Betsy Bahn, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2017

Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor
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