

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Northside Presbyterian Church – March 7, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

When god speaks, all creation answer.

The pale winter moon cries, 'Glory!' The sun hums a song as it warms the earth.

When God speaks, lives are changed.

Those held hostage by oppression are set free, The voiceless shout the story of salvation.

When God speaks, everything is turned inside out.

The wise learn the language of grace from little children. The strong take lessons from the powerless.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN – “*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*” #5

**1 God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land;
You are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.**

**2 God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free;
You are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now.**

**3 God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat;
You are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now.**

**4 God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the tableturning prophet, God the resurrected truth;
you are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls, at this mid point in the Lenten journey, look deep within our hearts and our lives, and clear away all that holds us back. May our minds, spirits and bodies be a temple that is open to your presence: and may our words and our actions be transparent to your love and truth. We pray that this church community, will

be purified in its life and mission, so that all that we do in and from here may reveal your love to others. Now, in this moment of silence, we sit before you, and name those things for which we seek your cleansing and healing, so that we may be more faithful disciples,....Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – Sue Bentley

OFFERING OF MUSIC –Simple Gifts

SCRIPTURE – John 2:13-22

SERMON – *“King of the Wild Things”*

HYMN – *“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord” #432 (verses 1,2,4)*

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: or inward life repair.**
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with all creation we sing your praise, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... We declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" #826 (verses 1, 4)

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**1 Come Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

(Refrain)

**4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the crucified for victory.**

(Refrain)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

**He is Truth, He is Truth, He has shown us who God is and He is Truth.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Susan Dickerson

Drew Taylor and family

Edd Stoops

Andy and Jean Robeson

Ron Pearson

Doug Rathjen

Kelly Wimmer

Ann Stinson

Paul Angermeier

Wava Bowles

Pat Modisett

J.D. Olinger

All those suffering with
Covid or grieving the
loss of a loved one

Today's musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technician – Marshall Chaney