

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*March 26, 2023*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.

**+Facemasks are currently optional. However, if you're not vaccinated, we recommend wearing a mask. We recommend that everyone get the COVID vaccination and booster. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so."**

*Health and Safety Committee.*

*"What would happen to our faith if we believed that God reigns sovereign over both our celebration and our suffering?"*

*-Soong-Chan Rah, Prophetic Lament*

## Preparation for Worship

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

**The Lord's My Shepherd**

**CRIMOND**

Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

**WELCOME**

### Opening Prayer (unison)

O God of Compassion, you have invited us through Jesus to come to you when we are troubled. And by your grace you have promised us rest. So we come, those of us who are burdened by regret and anxiety. We come, those of us who are broken in body or in spirit. We come, those of us torn by troubled relationships and by doubt, those of us who feel deeply within ourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. We come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness and sorrow. We come, waiting to feel in our bones the promise of resurrection. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*Responsively*

We gather here in your presence, O God,

**In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

**And you know by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

**we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are because you invite us to come;

**And you have promised never to turn us away.**

## Hymn 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH  
Joseph Parry (1776)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past,  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.  
All my trust in thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.  
Spring thee up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

*Charles Wesley, 1740*

## Prayer of Confession

It is easy to believe in times of profound loss and pain that God has abandoned us. And yet, our sacred story reminds us to hold on because that is when God is most profoundly with us, accompanying us to new life.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

God of life, we admit that our self-reliance can be an affront to your desire for relationship with us. We don't remember to offer you our thanks when life is meaningful and joyous; and we are too quick to complain when our days are difficult and painful. Even more, we don't even cry out for your help when our wells run completely dry. Forgive our loss of faith in you even as you remain faithful to us. Restore us to living in partnership with you, and trusting that you will walk with us through all things.

*Silent Prayer*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to love as God first loved us.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Praise 750 Goodness is Stronger than Evil**

Goodness is stronger than evil  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Victory is ours; victory is ours  
Through God who loves us.

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace)*

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination 458**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X)*

**Time with Children**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

# REQUIEM

James T. Bingham (1998)

## 1. Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion:  
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.  
Exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.

From: *Missa pro Defunctis*

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord:  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
A hymn befits you, O God in Zion:  
and to you a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer,  
for unto you all flesh shall come.*

## 2. Out of the Deep

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice.  
O let thine ears consider well:  
the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, Lord, will be extreme  
to make what is done amiss:

O Lord, who may abide it?  
For there is mercy, mercy with thee:  
therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I looked for the Lord;  
my soul doth wait for him:  
in his word is my trust.  
My soul fleeth unto the Lord;  
before the morning watch,  
I say, before the morning watch.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

*Psalm 130*

## 3. Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.  
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis  
sempiternam requiem.

from: *'Dies Irae,' Missa pro defunctis*

*Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.  
Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.*

#### **4. I Am the Resurrection**

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:

he that believeth in me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*John 11:25, 26*

#### **5. Laudate Dominum**

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;  
laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos  
misericordia ejus,  
et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

*Psalms 117*

*Praise the Lord all ye nations;  
praise him, all ye people.*

*For his loving kindness has been  
bestowed upon us,  
and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.*

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in secula saeculorum. Amen.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and always,  
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

*the Lesser Doxology*

#### **6. I Heard a Voice from Heaven**

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write:

‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,  
for they rest from their labors’:

even so saith the Spirit.

*Revelation 14:13*

#### **7. Lux aeterna**

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona nobis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat nobis.

*from: Missa pro defunctis alt.*

*May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,  
with thy saints for eternity, for thou art merciful.*

*Eternal rest give us, O Lord:  
and let perpetual light shine upon us.*

### **RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

*Prayers will be invited from the congregation and read from the  
Prayer Book and the Zoom “Chat Box”*

**Prayer Response:** Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

O Holy Trinity of Love, holy are you and holy is your name.  
May your shalom come and your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread,  
and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.  
For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.

## **The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all  
make to our church and God's realm. Please pass the plate  
to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

## **Offertory**

### **He's Got the Whole World In His Hands**

Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Margaret Bonds

## **\*Doxology 607**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## **\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

We present these gifts to you, the One who has given us everything, including  
the promise and hope of new life in the face of death. May all who receive  
these offerings come to know the assurance of your love and peace. In Jesus'  
name we pray. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

## **Announcements of the Community's Life**

**\*Sending Hymn    Love Divine, All Loves Excelling    HYFRYDOL**  
**No. 366** **Roland H. Prichard (1831)**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven 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 every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temple 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.

*Charles Wesley (1747 alt.)*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**POSTLUDE:            Sinfonia from, "Abdelazer"            Henry Purcell**  
(1659 - 1695)

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*



## *Participants in this morning's service*

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor  
Denique Isaac, soprano  
Melville Andrade, bass  
Melissa Lindon, flute  
Abner Márquez, trumpet  
Cheryl Jacob - Roeske, harp  
Emilie Flores, violin  
Soniia Yatsyshyna, cello  
Mark Di Pinto, piano  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends  
James Bingham, organ  
Jay Clouse, Technician  
Erol Kaylayoglu, Zoom Master Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

#### \*\* Zoom events

Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 28, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.	SWAC Meeting**
Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vesper Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Wednesday, March 29, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome to our worship. We are pleased you are with us today.

**+Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+Please Sign-up to host **Sunday Coffee Hour** after worship.

Please sign-up today using this signupgenius link -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc> or

contact Darryl McPherson ([thisisdarryl@gmail.com](mailto:thisisdarryl@gmail.com)) for signup or more information. Contact Roger Griffis, 301-980-4694 or [rogergriffis61@gmail.com](mailto:rogergriffis61@gmail.com). Thank you.

**+One Great Hour of Sharing** is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

As we follow Jesus' example, walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them, we celebrate that we are the Church ... Together.

Each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), promote development and empowerment through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Please give what you can.

You may use the pew envelopes or make your check to TPPC and write OGHS in the memo line.

**+It is almost Spring!!!** TPPC Green Team has scheduled Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon as our **annual church yard cleanup**, with help from Boy Scout Troop 33. Your help is needed to weed, clip and mulch to beautify our church grounds for the spring and summer season. Bring your trowel, clippers and garden gloves. Or, if you don't have them, come anyway!

For more information contact Diane Curran at [dcurran@harmoncurran.com](mailto:dcurran@harmoncurran.com)

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.**

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,  
310 Tulip Avenue,  
Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have any questions, please contact [finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

## EASTER LILIES

The Worship Committee is providing an opportunity for us to purchase Easter lilies to decorate the Sanctuary. You may purchase lilies in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.

The price is \$25 per Lily pot. April 2, is the last day to order lilies.

Please use the form in the bulletin or the online link below

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/tppceasterlilies>

Please contact Jean Dickey for more information

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# **One Great Hour of Sharing**

## **Repairers of the Breach**

### **Restoring God,**

In Jesus, you have given us  
the ultimate example  
of repairing the hurts  
that divide us.

### **May our gifts**

And our prayers join with the most  
vulnerable among us  
to restore your people  
and your world.

**Amen.**