

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 05, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

In The Secret

Andy Park

1) In the secret in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret in the quiet hour
I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus

I want to know You
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

2) I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward
Pushing every hindrance aside
Out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

Think About His Love

Walt Harrah

Think about His love
Think about His goodness
Think about His grace
That's brought us through
For as high as the heaven's above
So great is the measure
Of our Father's love
Great is the measure
Of our Father's love

Prelude

*Adagio (from "Oboe Concerto in D minor")
(BWV 974)*
Alessandro Marcello; transcription by J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Virginia Laughridge
Jacob Balow, Liturgists

Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

*Call to Worship

One: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

Many: O God, you know!

One: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

Many: O God, you know!

One: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

Many: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

All: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,
And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

*Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1) All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2) Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3) Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4) O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.
You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.
You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.
When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.
When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.
When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.
Breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives
that we might declare
with heart and soul and voice
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

In today's scripture, Jesus says to Martha,
"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who
believe in me, even though they die, will live, and
everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
Friends believe these words and live.
Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Children's Time

Rev Joy Laughridge

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River
arr: John Carter

LPC Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

Sermon

Grave Robber

Brian Mitchell
Kat Balow
Travis Woodlief

The Word Proclaimed in Sacrament

***Hymn of Preparation**

What Wondrous Love Is This

1) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2) When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3) To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4) And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(We will wait until all have been served the bread, then eat together. Drink from the cup as you feel ready.)

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2) To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3) People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4) Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5) Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

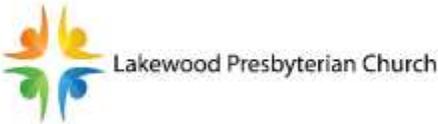
Toccata
Alphonse Mailly

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for March:	Karen Green Tom Vermilya Will Dickey
Liturgist:	Virginia Laughridge Jacob Balow
Ushers:	Matthew Estes Vanessa Laughridge Connor Balow Kassidy Graves
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Joy Laughridge
Director of Youth & Christian Education:	Brian Mitchell
Director of Music & Organist:	Carl Marucci
Parish Associate:	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
The floral arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given to the glory of God.	

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Upcoming Events

Monday, 3/6

- 6:30 pm – Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Wednesday, 3/8

- 6:00 pm – Dinner in Benz
(Baked Chicken, Lemon Rice, Green Bean Almondine, Fattous Salad and Dessert)
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
- 6:45 pm – Lenten Study in Benz Hall

Saturday, 3/11

- 9:00 am – The Bag Ladies in Benz Hall

Sunday, 3/12

- 9:00 am – Coffee in the Courtyard

Tuesday, 3/14

1:30 pm – Presbyterian Women

Thursday, 3/23

- 3:00 pm - Dinner Prep in Sulzbacher Kitchen
- 5:30 pm - Sulzbacher Dinner

Saturday, 3/25

- 9:00 am – Ukrainian Egg Workshop in Benz Hall