

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Moore

PRELUDE

Piano/Organ duet

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. T. Smith and D. Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ryan Moore

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation
to worship the evil one.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
he endured the shame of the cross,
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.

With the saints of all ages we say,

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

—based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

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*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

“I STAND IN AWE”

(VERSE 1)

You are beautiful beyond description
Too marvelous for words
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom
Who can fathom the depth of your love
You are beautiful beyond description

Majesty enthroned above

(CHORUS)

**And I stand I stand in awe of you
I stand I stand in awe of you
Holy God to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of you**

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“COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

(Hymn #5)

(VERSE 1)

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

(VERSE 2)

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success: Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

(VERSE 3)

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour: thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

(VERSE 4)

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore!

TIME OF PRAYER

Karen Colvin

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Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

SONG OF WORSHIP:

...PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART “

(CHORUS)

**Create in me a clean heart
O Lord my God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart
O Lord my God
And renew a right spirit within me**

(VERSE)

Cast me not away from Thy presence O Lord
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

(ENDING)

*Create in me a clean heart
O Lord my God
And renew a right spirit within me*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Ryan Moore

Invitation to the Offering

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.
With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.
With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.
With joy, we offer our gifts to God
as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

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***Doxology**

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

Bringing our gifts and / or lighting a candle... Please feel free to go to either the front or the rear of the sanctuary.

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

“Offertory in E^b”

Organ

Sarah Douglas

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy Palpant

Genesis 8:15–21 (NIV)

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

Genesis 9:18–28 (NIV)

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.

²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard.

²¹ When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. ²² Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. ²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

“Cursed be Canaan!
The lowest of slaves
will he be to his brothers.”

²⁶ He also said,

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Shem!
May Canaan be the slave of Shem.

²⁷ May God extend Japheth’s territory;
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,
and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth.”

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years.

2 Timothy 1:7–10 (NIV)

⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

MESSAGE

Nick Robertson

**“Intentional Salvation Dependent on God
or When Heroes Sleep Naked”**

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“SING PRAISE TO THE FATHER”

(Hymn #9)

(VERSE 1)

Sing praise to the Father, Creator and King,
whose mercy has taught us a new song to sing;
who made us, and loved us tho' rebels and lost,
and planned our redemption at infinite cost.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,
and worship before him—the Lord is his name!

(VERSE 2)

Sing praise to the Savior, Redeemer and Friend,
for grace past all telling, for love without end;
who stripped off his glory, put on mortal sin,
and died in our stead, full atonement to win.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,
and worship before him—the Lord is his name!

(VERSE 3)

Sing praise to the Spirit, the gift of God's love,
who quickens our hearts with new life from above,
who woos us, subdues us, and seals us his own,
and faultless presents us before the White Throne.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,
and worship before him—the Lord is his name!

(VERSE 4)

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
sing praise to the Spirit, great God Three in One;
the God of salvation, of glory, of grace,

who wrought our redemption—my soul, sing his praise!
Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,
and worship before him—the Lord is his name!

BENEDICTION

Nick Robertson

POSTLUDE

“Awake, Thou Wintry Earth”

Organ

on a traditional Dutch Carol

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In the pulpit today via SKYPE: Nick Robertson is an elder and long-distance member of Knox Presbyterian Church. He received his bachelor’s degree in History from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. He married his zookeeper wife, Becca, in May 2015. They recently moved out of state for her career and own a home in Fountain, CO. Nick works as a service coordinator for people with disabilities, working to empower people’s lives and create a lasting culture of social justice and equality. While not working, Nick enjoys reading and playing with his dogs, Tucker and Forrest. Nick’s biggest passions in life are music, literature, philosophy, board games, and apples.