

Celebration of Worship

March 15, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Opening Hymn “*Everything Is Yours, Lord*”
**Ev’rything is yours, Lord; ev’rything comes from you:
all we have we offer to you. Accept our love, Lord,
we pray; receive our gifts, Lord, today.**
(Repeat)

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Len Gardner

Call to Worship *from Psalm 19*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

◆ Hymn 587 “*He Keeps Me Singing*” (Vs. 1,2,3)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession
**Holy God, we call on no other god but you. And yet we still struggle to keep the first commandment.
Forgive us for letting other loyalties come before our**

**loyalty to you. Forgive us for when we try to make our commitment to you fit into the time we have left over. Forgive us for not trusting you more.
Then grant, we pray, that we may learn to have no other gods before you. Grant that we may learn the joy and fulfillment of living with you as our only God.
In Jesus’ name we pray...**
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
Hear the good news! The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him.
Friends believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

◆ Gloria “*Shout for Joy to God*”
**Shout for joy to God all the earth,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!** (Repeat)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Ms. Marti
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
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.

Morning Offering Anthem “*I Am the Resurrection*” Marty Parks
I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
He who believes in Me shall never die.
I am the Living One; I am the Risen Son.
I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.

Why this rejoicing? Why this jubilee?
What is the source of all these songs of victory?
The One who said: “I am the Way, the Truth, and Life”,
has conquered death’s domain and crushed its hopeless strife.
What joy was discovered at the first light of the day;
When His faithful approached the tomb and heard the angel say:
“Why seek ye the living among the dead?
For, He is risen; Risen, as He said!” (Repeat 1st verse)

◆ Doxology “*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*”
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 58) Exodus 20:1-11

New Testament Reading (page 863) John 2:13-22

Sermon “*The One-Eyed God and Other Distractions*”

◆ Hymn 591 “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,
we are filled with life as a congregation
because God creates us, loves us and calls us
to be his children and to be family to one another.
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,
accept the grace God offers
and join us at the table of the Lord.

