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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Lent // February 26, 2023 // 10am

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### ENTERING GOD'S PRESCENCE

**GATHERING SONG** #411 *God is Here Today*

**LIFE AT FIRST**

**RINGING THE BELL**

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

**All:** Jesus, be the center.  
Focus our minds.  
Discover our hearts.  
Give us peace in the unknowing  
That in the uncertainty we may find your inescapable love.

**CENTERING MUSIC** *Andante espressivo* from Trio, Op. 63 C.M. von Weber

**\*UNITING OUR HEARTS**

One: Here is something unquestionably true:  
**All: God loves me.**  
One: God loves you.  
**All: God Loves us.**  
One: And God uses everything—even the uncertain—to create love and connection.  
**All: Come, let us worship God with one heart and voice. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** #22 *God of the Sparrow*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Provider God, you have given us everything. You created the abundance of the earth. You taught us to plant, nurture, and harvest. We are blessed by all you have given us, but we are not always content. We strive for more. We take what isn't ours. We stockpile what you have given us, even when others don't have enough. Forgive us. Teach us to share your abundance so that all may know your goodness and grace.

## KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor: Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy.*

**All: Christe eleison.**

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

**\*GLORIA** #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ANTHEM

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Carl Mueller

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Thank You for Loving Me*

**Thank you for loving\* me (x4)**

**\*hearing, knowing, healing**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*This is My Father's World*

arr. Grace Kim

\*HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Mother", "Our Creator" or "Our Parent."*

**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.**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES**

\*OFFERTORY SONG #698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

\*HYMN #757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Come to the Garden Alone*

arr. Catherine McMichael

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Leah Waller, Tim Staal,  
Chuck Norris, FPC Choir, Emily Grabinski Conklin, Tim Staal,  
Andrew Plaisier, Nick Norris.

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# Kyrie Eleison

Words: traditional liturgical  
Music: John L. Bell

**gently**

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: KY - RI - E, LEI - SON.

Cantor: Chri - ste e - lei - son. ALL: CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: CHRI - STE, CHRI - STE, LEI - SON.

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Book Study Sign-up** // This year for our Lenten Book Study we'll be reading *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles. It is the "spiritual memoir" of a woman who went from atheist, to taking communion, to feeding the city with 12 food pantries. It is a great book that helps us to think carefully about the sacrament of communion and how the sacraments compel us to action in the world.

Sign up in person on Sunday morning at the information desk or watch the eWeekly to sign up online. There are three group options:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm on Zoom with Lauren Stouffer (Starting Mar 1-April 5)

Thursdays at 2:00pm at church with Pastor Paul (Starting Mar 2-April 6 )

Sundays at 11:00am at church with Pastor Cathy (Starting Feb 26-April 2)

**Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary** // Help create a beautiful worship space for Easter Sunday and purchase a plant. We will coordinate through Pat's Floral. Watch for more details..

**Game and Soup Night** // Join us for soup and board games! We invite all ages to bring soup, bread, or dessert to share, and bring your favorite (family friendly!) card or board game. We will meet in the fellowship hall at noon after the Education Hour and enjoy games and a meal as we get to know each other better.

**Sunday, March 5 at noon** after Education Hour.

**All God's Children: Faith That Is LGBTQ+ Affirming** // You are invited to a panel discussion: "All God's Children: Faith That Is LGBTQ+ Affirming" on the topic of biblical support for inclusion of all God's children. The intention of this panel is to help us better understand and articulate how inclusion of our LGBTQ+ siblings is not despite our faith in Jesus but is inspired by that faith. There will be a time for questions following the panel discussion. Please note that this is a space for learning how to have a more expansive and inclusive faith, and is not intended to be a debate.

**Sunday, March 12** from 4-5:30pm at Herrick District Library.

FPC is a co-sponsor of this event. We hope to see you there.

**Women's Retreat** // Save the Date! Please join the women of the church for a one day retreat, *Worthy of Time: Whispers of Solitude*. Guest speaker is Rev. Wendy Van Tassell.

**Saturday, March 18** / 9am - 4 pm at FPC.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch and beverages.

Brochures are on the information desk.

Questions? Contact Bonnie Cowie with questions: [dbcowie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbcowie@sbcglobal.net)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Installation Service for Rev. Cathy Caldwell-Hoop** // Sunday, **March 26** at 2pm.

**GVSU Men's Choral Group** // Chuck Norris' men's choral group will be performing at St. Cecilia's in Grand Rapids on **April 1 at 7:30pm** for a free concert. They will be singing music written and directed by Andre Thomas. We are offering transportation on the church bus. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:15pm. Please make your reservation with Carleen Bauer or Chris Urbaniak.

**Celebration of Life Service** // A Celebration of Life service will be held for Elaine Evenson on **April 15** at 11am with a luncheon to follow. All are Welcome.



**Thank you** // The family of Karen Wilson expresses sincere thanks to the entire congregation on the passing of Wiley Wilson. Your thoughts, prayers and concern were felt by all of us. A book of Daily Peace in memory of Wiley was delivered by one of the Deacons. I look forward each day to seeing the photos as well as reading the words of wisdom.

All will be well...and all will be well...and every kind of thing will be well. ~Julian of Norwich

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## God Is Here Today

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*Dios está aquí*

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)  
E B7 C#m E7 A



God is here to - day; as cer - tain  
*Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el*

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)  
B7 E E7 A



as the air I breathe, as cer - tain  
*ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo*

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)  
B7 E B/D# C#m E/B



as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as  
*la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan*

(G) (A7) (D)  
A B7 E



cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.  
*cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.*



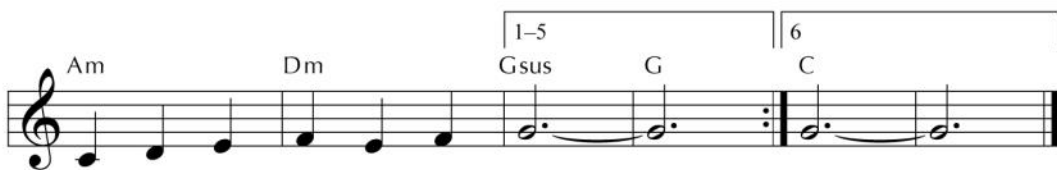
# 22 God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy




How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

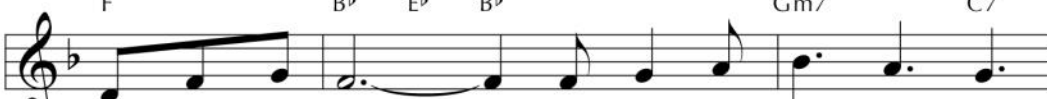
# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The vocal line is written in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me."

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.