

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to faith. You may also bring your tithes and offerings. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and consume both at once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.

CALL TO COMMUNION

Jesus said:

Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

For I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and life our voices in joyful praise:

738 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (all sing)*

BLESSING SERVING, AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AT THE OPEN TABLE

OFFERTORY DURING COMMUNION SPENCER HARTMAN

PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED *(unison)*
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

- * HYMN OF COMMITMENT 712
Sent Forth by God's Blessing
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION *(all sing)*
*May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.*

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 3/20

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 3/22

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 am Bible Study: *The God We Can Know*

Sunday, 3/24

PALM SUNDAY
Start of Holy Week

8:30 am United Methodist

Worship Service

9:30 am Pot Luck

9:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Worship

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Tap. Give. Done.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Temporary Supply Pastor: **The Rev. Robert Reno, MDiv, Ph. D.**
Liturgist: **Anna Daniel** *Director of Music:* **Alexa Brown**
Pianist: **Dr. Hartman** *Violinist:* **Dr. Isaias Ferreira**

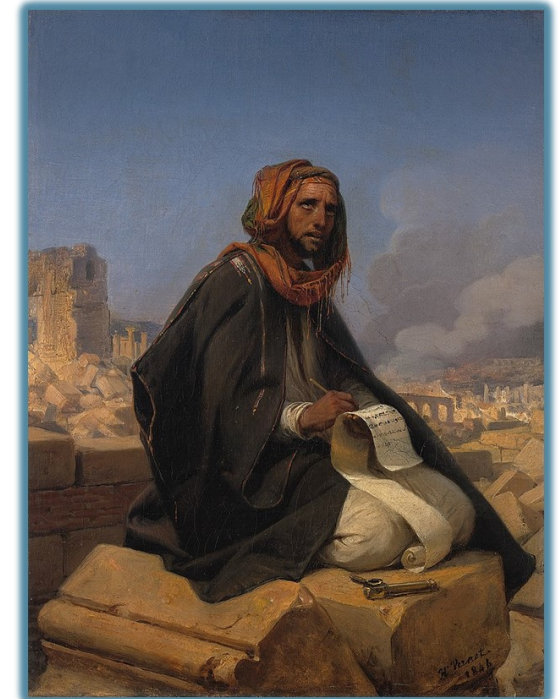


**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
LUBBOCK**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024 10:30 AM**

As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ.



Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem
by Horace Vernet (1844), Amsterdam Museum

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE SPENCER HARTMAN

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) ANNA DANIEL

My friends, in joy and gratitude, we are invited into the presence of God.

Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for us, watching up and down the road for our return.

Sometimes we come slowly, almost afraid of what might happen.

But God stands ready to embrace us, to forgive us, and to celebrate our return.

Sometimes we come quickly, rushing right in like children hungry for dinner.

In this house, we are welcome, one and all! Let us come into the presence of God with praise and thanksgiving!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 72 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. Standing apart from you, we have lived for ourselves alone. Turning from our neighbors, we have refused to help bear the burdens of others. Ignoring the pain of the world, we have passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Loving God, hear this prayer that we raise to you, and hear also the words that we pray in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. ROBERT RENO

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA 734

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON JOHN 12: 20-33

PENITENTIAL PSALM (*all sing -insert*) PSALM 51

SECOND LESSON JEREMIAH 31:31-34

SERMON *All Things New* THE REV. ROBERT RENO

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 355 (*vs. 1-3, *4*)
This is a Day of New Beginnings

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

CALL TO PRAYER *Lord of Hopefulness* EDWARD EICKER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (*all sing*) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
(FROM PSALM 102, TAIZÉ COMMUNITY)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the well-spring of life.