



Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent



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During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us at home, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

Preparatory Music

You Are My Hiding Place

arr. Carl Seal

Welcome

*Have mercy on us, O God, 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.*

Prelude

Nearer, My God to Thee

arr. Jason Tonioli

Call to Worship

Psalm 22

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable in the sight of the LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

Hymn 265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*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.
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.
Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the wry find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving

love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1: 18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hymn 213

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*

Sermon

Christ – the power of God

Offertory

Lenten Meditation

arr. Ron Loree

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Announcements and Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Behold Our God

arr. Faye Lopez