

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

March 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.

GREETING

Rev. Bill Hawkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE WELCOME OF CHRIST

*PRAISE SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet”

“Good Good Father”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Carey McMains, Lay Leader

Gracious God, rescue us from the faults to which we are prone. Keep us from saying one thing with our words and another with our deeds; from criticizing others for faults which we indulge, and demanding standards from others which we ourselves make no effort to keep. Keep us from flirting with temptation and from playing with fire; from the indecision that cannot say yes or no and be done with it; from the reluctance to break with habits which we know are wrong. Keep us from living one way for one day, and entirely different from the other six, and keep us from anything that would deceive us from giving our loyalty, allegiance, and whole heart, to you.

(time of silent confession)

RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Leader: Thus says the Lord God: I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a mist;

People: return to me, for I have redeemed you, and you are mine.

Leader: Friends in Christ, let us receive God’s forgiveness and amend our lives.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chelsea Price

After the Children’s message, children are welcome to go to Kid’s Church.

*HYMN #298

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

Lay Leader

SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Listen to the Gardener”

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carol Abrahamson, Karin Baxter (JoAnn Minor's sister), Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Jean Bullock, Mary Campbell, Sean Cavanaugh (friend of Debby Wells), Jennie Linn Duffie (John Duffie's mother), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), the Drown family (Deanna Auerbach's family), George Fowlston, Kent Foerster, Jim Johnston (Mame & Doug Johnston's son), Dan Krautheim (Kathryn Fiebich's father), Rich Laramee, Gladys Livingston (friend of Joann Liss), Robert Lowry, (Carolyn's father), Worth McMains, Norma Miller (friend of Joann Liss), Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Tina Moscone (Rhonda Olds' friend), Paula (friend of Donna Millet), Joe Patak (Diane Bensley's father), Cathy Peters (friend of Marcia Marvin), Margaret Rapp, Derek Smith (Janise's husband), Dawn Swartz (Donna Mounce's sister), Cherry Thomas (Aaron Thomas' mother), Ken Walter, Carmela Williams (Debby Well's friend), Marge Wordell, Buddy Young, Viktoriia Zosymova and her hometown in Ukraine, the brave men and women in the US military, the Pastor Nominating Committee, all those greatly affected by the wild fires & hurricanes.

'Tis So Sweet

'Tis so sweet to
trust in Jesus
Just to take
Him at His word
Just to rest
upon His promise
Just to know thus
saith the Lord
O how sweet to
trust in Jesus
Just to trust
His cleansing blood
And in simple faith
to plunge me
'Neath the healing
cleansing flood
Jesus, Jesus how
I trust Him
How I've proved Him
o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus
precious Jesus
O for grace to
trust Him more
Yes 'tis sweet to
trust in Jesus
Just from sin and
self to cease
Just from Jesus
simply taking
Life and rest and
joy and peace
Jesus, Jesus how
I trust Him
How I've proved
Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus
precious Jesus
O for grace to
trust Him more

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard
the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone
You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am It's who I am
It's who I am
I've seen many
searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all
searching for answers
Only You provide
'Cause You know
just what we need
Before we say a word
Chorus
You are perfect in
all of Your ways
You are perfect in
all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of
Your ways to us
Love so undeniable
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love
Chorus
Repeat
You are perfect in
all of Your ways
You are perfect in
all of Your ways
You are perfect in
all of Your ways to us
Repeat

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness
in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness
in God's justice
Which is more than liberty
There is no place where
earth's sorrows
Are more felt than
up in heaven
There is no place where
earth's failings
Have such kindly
judgment given
For the love of
God is broader
Than the measures
of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were
but more faithful
We would gladly
trust God's Word
And our lives
reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness
of our Lord

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown
where feet may fail
And there I find
You in the mystery
In oceans deep
my faith will stand
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes
above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine
Your grace abounds
in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand
will be my guide
Where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and
You won't start now
Chorus
Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
And my faith will
be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior
Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
And my faith will
be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior
I will call upon your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine