



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer requests may be given to the pastor before the service.

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, “before” and “after,” a “now” and “then”; that we may also say, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s light, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Cornet Voluntary

Anon. (18th Century)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

**Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51

SERMON

“Instant Gratification”

Rev. MP Panco

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed-Contemporary Version*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Diapason Movement

Green (18th Century)

Session Snippets—March 2020

Session's scheduled meeting, like everything else at St. Mark and in our world today, was canceled. However, there were still some items needing action:

- It was approved to cancel indefinitely in-person worship at St. Mark.
- All meetings and activities are canceled immediately.
- Utilization of technology will assist with worship, communications, and multiple other programs.

We will follow the guidance of the CDC as decisions are made as to when things can return to our normal schedule. Everyone is urged to stay in touch with members you may know who live alone, need help, or just would appreciate a phone call. And that phone call would probably be appreciated by everyone.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess

Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco

Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan

Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland

Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne D auve

Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley

Choir Accompanist: Jee Hye Lee

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