



First United Methodist Church of Orange

LENT



MARCH 17, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.



## THE ENTRY

PRELUDE

INTROIT

This is the Day

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.**

LEADER: Our God is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,

PEOPLE: **Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness!**

\*OPENING HYMN

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Hymnal #96

1. Praise the Lord who reigns above  
and keeps his court below;  
praise the holy God of love  
and all his greatness show;  
praise him for his noble deeds,  
praise him for his matchless power;  
him from whom all good proceeds  
let earth and heaven adore.
2. Celebrate th' eternal God  
with harp and psaltery,  
timbrels soft and cymbals loud  
in this high praise agree;  
praise with every tuneful string;  
all the reach of heavenly art,  
all the powers of music bring,  
the music of the heart.
3. God, in whom they move and live,  
let every creature sing,  
glory to their Maker give,  
and homage to their King.  
Hallowed be thy name beneath,  
as in heaven on earth adored;  
praise the Lord in every breath,  
let all things praise the Lord.

**\*PRAYER**

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world.  
Give us strength to believe in him,  
that we may share in his victory over the power of death.  
**Fulfill in us the purpose for which you have made us,  
that we may faithfully honor your only Son Jesus,  
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.  
Glory be to God, the Spirit, Three in One.  
As it was in the beginning; as it is and ever shall be;  
now and evermore shall be; world without end, Amen!  
World without end, Amen!

**\*GREETING**

**CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**

Thy Word is a Lamp

Hymnal #601 (refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

Psalm 51:1-12

Hymnal #785

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;

PEOPLE: **according to your abundant mercy  
blot our my transgressions.**

LEADER: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

PEOPLE: **For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

LEADER: Against you, you only, have I sinned,  
and done that which is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless in your judgment.



PEOPLE: **Behold, I was born into iniquity,  
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

LEADER: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

PEOPLE: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

LEADER: Make me hear with joy and gladness;  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

PEOPLE: **Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

LEADER: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

PEOPLE: **Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

LEADER: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-26

*New Revised Standard Version*

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

ANTHEM

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem — David Williams

Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

Caught Up in the Moment

Rev. William Johnson

## RESPONSE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CENTERING HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Hymnal #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

Hymnal #413

1. A charge to keep I have,  
a God to glorify,  
a never-dying soul to save,  
and fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,  
my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage  
to do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,  
as in thy sight to live,  
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare  
a strict account to give!

4. Help me to watch and pray,  
and on thyself rely,  
assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.

## **SENDING FORTH**

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind blow at your back,  
may the sun shine warmly on your face.

May the rain fall softly on your home  
and until we meet again, until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE



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