



First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



A Walk in Paradise Gardens, Romare Bearden

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Kyrie
Geneva Bell Choir

Cathy Moklebust

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver

Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us;

a time to let the events get up and walk around in us;

a time to intensify our living unto Christ;

a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts;

a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem

or to walk along the sea and listen to Christ's word.

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God.

Let us enter this season with open hearts. Let us worship.

✠ Hymn 22 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Lenten Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts hold us back; our misdeeds seem beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from the past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Bend low, O God, and come to us in the silence as we seek to open our hearts more fully to you (*Silent Confession*)...Amen.

✠ Extinguishing of the First Lenten Candle
Hymn 575

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon Rev. Kate Culver

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn Response 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH
Stanza 1

**Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Mike Coleman

First Lesson

Psalm 25:1–10

Second Lesson

Mark 10:17–31

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
(Mason Copeland, organ)

WALK WITH ME

Sealing the Word

The Sacrament of Baptism

Henry Lines, child of Rand and Katherine Lines

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Susan Landrum

APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

(Chancel Choir, Elizabeth Daly, Director, Mason Copeland, organ)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end.

✠ At the Presentation

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Traditional PC (USA)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 618

O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High

DEO GRACIAS

✠ Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Praeludium in E Minor

D. Buxtehude

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Mike Coleman
Choir Guild: Anita Carwile
Tower Bell Ringer: Edward Carwile
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone

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