



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.



***Bold text is read or sung
by the congregation.***

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

DAVID SCHNELL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that
everything in this life has a purpose.

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

PRELUDE

O MENSCH, BEWEIN DEIN SÜNDE GROSS

"O PEOPLE, MOURN YOUR GREAT SIN"

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685–1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for in our following, we learn the wisdom of God.

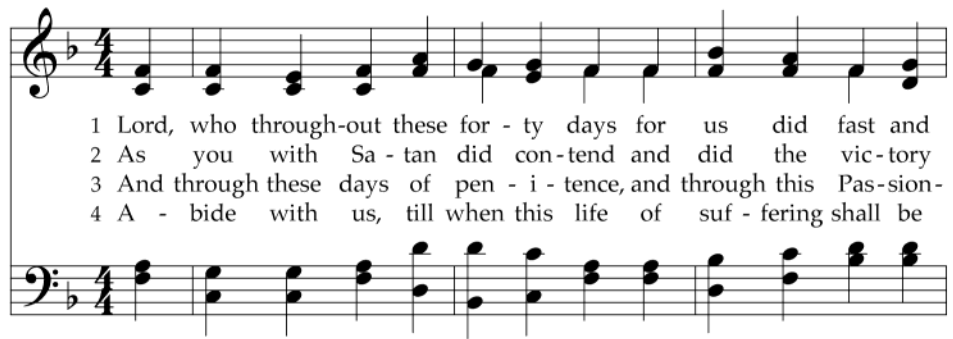
Hymn 166: Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

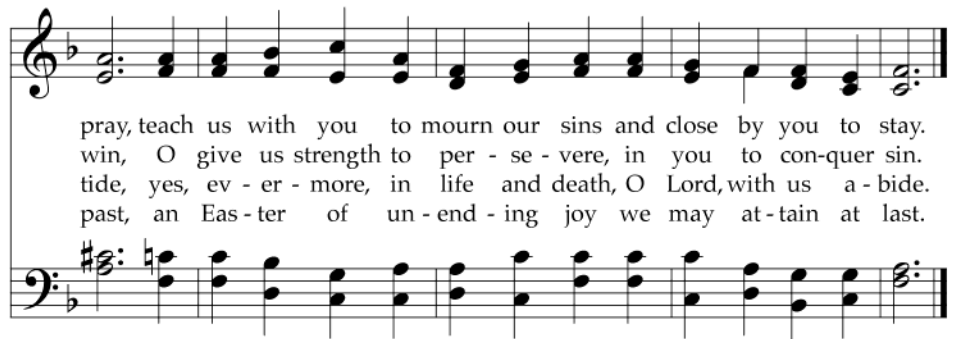
OPENING HYMN NO. 166

"LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS"

ST. FLAVIAN



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH H. DOOLIN

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten journey in confession.

We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.

We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other
than those you set before us.

Teach us your wisdom;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn toward your kingdom drawing near.

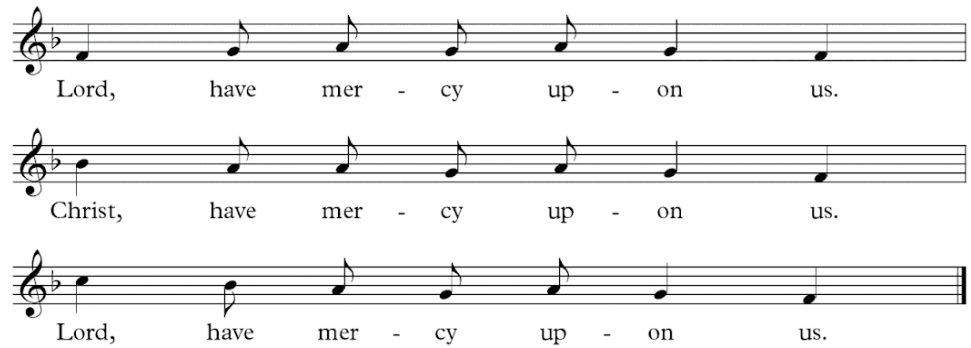
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
the God of provision and new life.

In Christ's name we pray.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE

John Merbecke, 1550; arr. Healey Willian, 1930



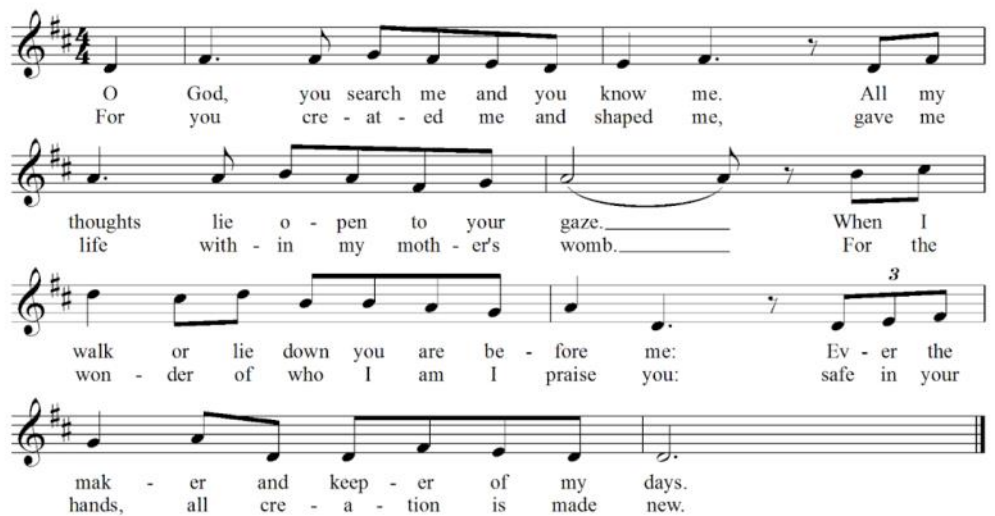
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Based on Psalm 139

Bernadette Farrell



Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ISABELLA TAMBURRINO

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"WASH ME THOROUGHLY"

S.S. WESLEY (1810 - 1876)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

— from Psalm 51

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.



During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm and mailing a payment is also an option.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. We honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REID SYKES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON EXODUS 13: 17–22

REV. POWERS

SERMON

"WHAT IS THE WILDERNESS?"

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

PAT NEELY

DOXOLOGY

"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Hymn 65: Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING HYMN NO. 65

"GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"

CWM RHONDDA



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

CHORALE PRELUDE ON "OLD HUNDREDTH"

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER (1684 - 1748)



Idlewild Presbyterian Church Lenten Prayer Calendar



Lessons from the Wilderness

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Use these prompts to pray during Lent: "Holy One, help my church to..."			Acknowledge change and leverage times of transition FEB 17	Repent for ways church has excluded people 18	Serve as a touchstone for people in crisis 19	Celebrate the fullness of its history 20
Welcome genuinely without overwhelming 21	Be honest about core values 22	Understand and meet the needs of the surrounding community 23	Assess growth using metrics that matter 24	Encourage intergenerational relationships 25	Lean into fruit-bearing discomfort 26	Resist the temptation to imitate other churches 27
Effectively form life-long disciples of Christ 28	Offer hope to those lacking hope MAR 1	Educate about and identify spiritual gifts 2	Emphasize communication and transparency 3	Laugh together 4	Appreciate efforts and sacrifices of leaders 5	Understand the congregation as one part of the larger body of Christ 6
Integrate new voices into leadership 7	Seek justice for all God's children 8	Dig for the courage to innovate 9	Care well for one another 10	Connect with denominational partners and resources 11	Embrace the church size needed to carry out God's mission 12	Be a place where members are eager to invite others 13
Open hearts and engage minds and bodies in worship 14	Spread out the workload 15	Listen for God's mission for our church instead of our agenda 16	Become more nimble as shifts happen more quickly 17	Train and support members in ministry 18	Streamline governance to prioritize ministry over meetings 19	Play together 20
Enter one by one but worship as one 21	Confess times the church has been too inwardly focused 22	Collaborate with nearby churches and organizations 23	Utilize congregational assets to their fullest 24	Appreciate generational differences 25	Support and love our clergy and family(ies) 26	Teach stewardship as a spiritual discipline year-round 27
Enjoy the noise and chaos of young families' participation 28	Interpret current events through the lens of faith 29	Fight well with one another 30	Turn away from individual and corporate anxiety 31	Get to know neighbors and engage with them gladly APR 1	Know when to end ministries to direct energy into new ones 2	Wait on God's timing 3
Take note of and live into areas of new life 4						

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WORSHIP NOTICES

The **11:00 service** is live at livestream.com/idlewild and broadcast on 96.1 FM. (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices.)

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

VISITOR NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to have you join our Livestream worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call 726-4681 during the week.

For confidential prayer requests, call the prayer chain, 487-6062.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at 726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (please press one to reach the voicemail box). Messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy.

Children's Lenten Calendar

			Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			17 – Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
			Talk about the meaning of ashes on this day	Write 10 things you are grateful for and carry it with you this lent	Today, try not to eat any meat!	Collect spare change in your house and give it away
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday				
21 If you had to give away a million dollars, who would you give it to?	22 Lead grace at dinner	23 Make a card for someone who needs extra love	24 Go for a walk. What beauty do you notice?	25 Pray for people who help other people and animals	26 Today, try not to eat sweets!	27 Pray for children around the world
28 What are you most grateful for?	March 1 Imagine what it would be like to be in the desert for 40 days	2 Chat with someone at school you don't normally talk to	3 Pray for clean water around the world	4 Pray for your classmates	5 Today, try not to eat bread or nuts!	6 Go through your toys and find a few you are ready to give away
7 Donate food to your local food pantry	8 When you hear a siren, pray for the people who might be in trouble	9 Think about a person you love. Do something nice for them	10 Pray for the Government	11 Pray for peace in the world	12 Today, try not to play with toys that require batteries or electricity!	13 Go through your clothes and find some that you are ready to give away
14 What was the best hymn at church today?	15 Pray for your parents	16 Pray for the old people in your life	17 Notice when you are talking about someone in a bad way and stop	18 Write down 3 nice things about someone you struggle with	19 Pray for the poor	20 Pray for your minister. Draw a picture and send it to them
21 Discuss with your parents: How was Jesus a king?	22 Pray for the sick. Make a card for someone who is sick in your church	23 Pray for the homeless. Say hello to them!	24 Write down 3 things that make you happy	25 Pray for your grandparents (and then call them)	26 Sit with new people at lunch	27 Set aside part of your allowance or piggy bank to donate to church
28 – Palm Sunday Apologize for something you wish you did differently.	29 Write down 3 ways you could be more helpful and then start doing them	30 Pray for all those that have died in the past year	31 When you shower or take a bath, think about your baptism.	1 – Maundy Thurs Talk to your parents about Passover and Jesus	2 – Good Friday Discuss with your parents: Why did Jesus die?	3 – Holy Saturday Write what you have learned about yourself this lent

The Mission of Idlewild

The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, formation, nurture, and outreach.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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