

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Idlewild Presbyterian Church Fourth Sunday of Lent Good Grief: Depression March 27, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

Bold text is read by the congregation. \*Asterisk indicates when to rise in body or in spirit.

Please sign the friendship pad so we may take note of your presence and you may greet your neighbors by name.

*The Preparation for Worship is by author, Jan Richardson* (b.1967).



# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

### WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Let us agree for now that we will not say the breaking makes us stronger or that it is better to have this pain than to have done without this love. Perhaps for now it can be enough to simply marvel at the mystery of how a heart so broken can go on beating, as if it were made for precisely this. THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

Prelude

"LARGO" GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759) Barrie Cooper, Violinist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcoming One, You know the burdens we bring to this place.

Their history.

Their weight.

You know the hopes we bring to this place.

Their expectation.

Their promise.

You know us fully.

May we bring our burdens.

May we bring our hopes.

May we bring our whole selves to this time of worship!

## \*HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 610

AZMON



**Hymn 610:** This text comes from an 18-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his lifechanging conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.



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.



*We sing in thanksgiving* for the gifts of forgiveness and new life.



Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor in a sacredly distanced way.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming sense of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Silent Confession)

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Bernadette Farrell



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

## GATHERING HYMN

Mark Friedman

**During the gathering hymn,** children are invited to come forward.



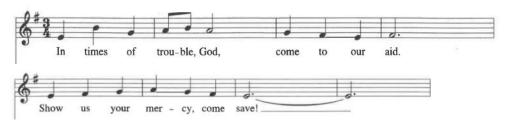
At this time, potty-trained threes to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.



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



Choir will sing once, congregation will follow



## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

**BLYTHE POTTER** 

**REV. POWERS** 

## 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 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.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	PSALM 13	
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	N MATTHEW 27:32-46	
Sermon	GOOD GRIEF: DEPRESSION	

SILENT REFLECTION

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

T**oday's Affirmation of Faith** is from The Iona Community Creed.





During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed.



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."

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;

in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

> We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and onto the streets.

> We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

#### ANTHEM

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750) "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" (CANTATA 147)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring. Holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring. Soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned. With the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown. Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**REV. POWERS** 

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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Reverend Elizabeth H. Doolin

Hymn 803: The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.





#### WELCOME NOTICES

Welcome to Idlewild! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** In addition, childcare for children 6 weeks—2 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church, after which children who are potty-trained ages 3 years— 5 years may go to Worship and Wonder located in the Old Library on the second level. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

**New members are received by the Session**. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call (901)726-4681 during the week.

For confidential prayer requests, call the prayer chain, (901)487-6062.

**If you have a personal emergency,** hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at (901)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.

#### WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of this Lenten season, by the Flower Committee. Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at www.idlewildchurch.org/registration. Flowers are available April 3 and April 10.

The 11:00 service is live at livestream.com/idlewild and on 96.1 FM. (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices.) Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

The bulletin art through Lent, is a series by Caroline Cox. Grief is an experience we all share; we experience grief in our own way. This series represents the way grief can both mute and amplify our feelings, remind us what we love and miss. Grief can suck the color out of our world and make us feel nothing and everything. As we move through the stages of grief we hold on to the hope that nourishes us on our journey.

We welcome Barrie Cooper and James Jones as guest musicians this morning. Cooper is the Concertmaster of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and James Jones is an assisting organist.

## Easter Lily Order Form

Orders must be received by April 10 for names to be in the April 17 bulletin. Individual acknowledgements will not be sent. Place order and check in offering plate or order online at <u>http://ow.ly/WUQk50lpvpA</u>

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