

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 17, 2023 | 10:00 am

5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Improvisation on *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Jonathan Lang, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Leila Erion

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leila Erion

***Opening Hymn**

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

No. 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

***Call to Confession**

Leah Quarles

As the Deer

No. 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

***Common Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live your love in the world. We confess our inability to know how to love you. We confess that we are often distracted by our own way instead of seeking to understand your way. Forgive us and guide us. Remind us that as we seek to return to you, we find you even in the midst of our waywardness. *(silence for personal confession)*

***Song of Petition**

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

No. 425, vs. 1 & 2

Son of God, whose heart is peace,
Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come;
give us now your love.

Take away our sinfulness,
evil that imprisons us;
free us from what troubles us;
give our souls release.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Liz Smith

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Children pre-K-8th Grade leave for Church School.
9th-12th Grade Youth remain in worship with their families.
Nursery is available.

For those joining us online, you may make your donation by texting
pinnaclepres to 833-245-8445 or online at pinnaclepres.org/give-now.

Offering

Offertory

I Believe

by Mark Miller

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director
Samantha Jorgensen, soloist • Jonathan Lang, piano

*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.*

*Doxology

Now Thank We All Our God

(NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; No. 643 v. 3)

**All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Michael Hegeman

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33

Erik Khoobyarian

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Grains of Wheat

Erik Khoobyarian

Silent Reflection

Anthem

When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)
Pinnacle Men's Quartet

No. 840

*When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded*

*my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

Common Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Michael Hegeman

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.

Installation and Ordination of Deacons & Elders

***Closing Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 725

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
now give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

Charge & Benediction

Erik Khoobyarian

*Sending Music

Prelude and Fugue in e-minor BWV 533
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

by J. S. Bach

*Please rise.

Scripture

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

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.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

27 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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Easter Flowers



Each Easter the presence of flowers contributes to the festive celebration of new life. If you would like to order a plant for Easter in memory of a loved one or for a life you are celebrating, please place the order form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Orders must be received by **noon on Monday, March 18, 2024**, in order to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

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Lent & Holy Week at Pinnacle

Invite your family, friends and neighbors
to join us for this season of Lent.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Feb. 14 – Mar. 31

This year our Lenten devotional will only be available online at pinnaclepres.org/lenten-devotions and posted on social media.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS (CHILDREN)

Wednesdays Feb. 21 – Mar. 20 | 5:30 - 7 pm | Teen Center

Children are invited for a special Lenten series featuring lessons, games, dinner, and crafts, which will complement the adult education classes. Nursery care will be provided. Contact Liz at lsmith@pinnaclepres.org.

LENTEN LEARNING

Wednesdays Feb. 21 – Mar. 20 | 5:30 - 6:15 pm | Chapel Library

Join us for a journey through reflective symbols that ultimately lead to Jesus' death on the cross. This journey is not meant to be a solitary excursion into oneself, but a long walk with good companions along the way of the cross. This journey is hard, but with faithful friends we'll dive deeply into the uncommon grace of the mysterious gifts of the Lenten season.

LENTEN VESPERS

Wednesdays Feb. 21 – Mar. 20 | 6:15 pm | Chapel

Each Wednesday evening in Lent we will worship using a variety of musical and liturgical forms in order to help us both individually and as a church prepare for the journey to the cross. Take a moment during your busy week and re-frame yourself in a meaningful environment.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, Mar. 24 | 8 am | Chapel & 10 am | Sanctuary

Holy Week Prayer Stations

Thursday, Mar. 28 & Friday, Mar. 29 | 5 – 6:45 pm

Saturday, Mar. 30 | 9 – 11 am | Memorial Garden

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28 | 7 pm | Chapel

Good Friday, Mar. 29 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Requiem for the Living by Dan Forrest

Easter Sunday, Mar. 31

6:15 am | Chapel Garden

8 am (with communion) & 10 am | Sanctuary

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Jack Bender, Fred Brown, Leslie Colliopoulos, Rick Hess, Linda & Greg Moorhead, and Jean Nemer; **Head Usher** is Debbie Bender.

The Flowers are given by friends & members of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs in thanksgiving for Erik's ministry among them and similar blessings for Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, and by the staff of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in honor of the Rev. Erik Khoobyarian on the occasion of his installation as Senior Pastor.

Hospitality members are Mary Lou & Dale Mercer.

Pinnacle Men's Quartet members are Rob Gotwals, Rod Houston, Brady Larson, and George O'Connell.

Elders being ordained and installed are Joan Fudala, Patty Jensen, and David Sobek.

Elders being installed are Peg Boutchia, Joe Kaiser and Tom Oyan.

Deacons being ordained and installed are Carol Davis, Anne Foley, Brooke Harper (youth), Melissa Jones, Shelly McCahan, Julia Mitchell, David Mulumba (youth), Diana Mulumba-Lubandi, Carlton Richie, and Bunnie Richie.

Deacons being installed are Elaine Napolitan, Renee Schenck, and Christie Slegers.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For my family, nephew Spencer, Colleen, Brian, and Aaron;
- For Gladys, having eye surgery;
- For Aria Marie, my granddaughter;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

To add your prayer requests to the Pinnacle prayer list, please email prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448.

If you would like to join our prayer request email list to receive a weekly list of people needing your prayers and monthly prayer guidelines, please send your name and email to prayer@pinnaclepres.org.

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