

# Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

(\*) Please stand in body or in spirit **Bold print is in unison** 

#### Prelude

\*Hymn Bulletin back page

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

# Welcome & Announcements

# \*Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

# Moment of Meditation – Welcome the Light of Christ

### Call to Worship

"We enter into worship together, reflections of God's glory.

Inspired by God's presence, we gather to join in praise.

In joy, we lift our voices.

With adoration, we express our gratitude.

# Opening Prayer

\*Hvmn #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#### Confession & Pardon

Through Jesus Christ, God has entrusted us with the message and ministry of reconciliation. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, our great Redeemer - you have created us to be your people; you have called us from captivity to freedom; you have delivered us from death to life. Yet we have wandered in the wilderness; we have failed to keep your commandments; we have put our trust in false idols.

Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with hope, feed us with mercy, and lead us into the land of your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Confession)

# Declaration of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen** 

#### \*Gloria Patri #602

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Hymnal #450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9 From The Old Testament Page 139

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 3:14-21 From The New Testament Page 94

The Sermon Snakes, Snakes...and a Cross Lifted Up

\*Affirmation of Faith From our Covenant

We believe in God's love for all humankind, communicated to us, in the person of his son Jesus Christ, to show us how to live a perfect life of love and forgiveness. We value a non-judgmental, down-to-earth, compassionate congregation.

\*Hymn # 634 To God Be the Glory

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Untitled Hymn Alan Parker

\*Doxology #606

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

\*Prayer

\*Hymn # 826 Lift High the Cross

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

### Postlude

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Pastor Supply:Lynn SimpsonLiturgist: Janet Parker

Sound Technician: Hap Pinkerton A/V Technician: Harrison Wood

Music Director: Alan Parker

# This week at FPCO

first presbyterian church of Owasso						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16
9.30am Sunday School	Over 60 group		6.00pm Youth/Children			
10.30am Worship			6.30pm Adult Bible School			
Happy birthday to (this week)						
Mary Ellen Johnston	Judy Freeman					

# Coming up at first Presbyterian church of Owasso

March 11	Over 60 group meets at 12 noon in Apple Barrel (Call Dorothy to confirm)			
March 24	Palm Sunday			
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.			
March 31	Easter Breakfast in Café at 9.30am Easter Worship at 10.30am			
	Sign up to bring your favorite breakfast dish			

# prayers & joys

# **New Prayer Requests**

The Family of Nex Benedict
All Owasso High School Students, teachers and parents
Victims of the TX fires.
Victims of all wars and conflicts
First Church Sapulpa
Our Honorably Retired Ministers

# **Celebrations & Joys**

# **Continued Prayers & Updates**

Judy's niece & nephew-in-law need housing

Ron Brewer recovering from Covid.

Kairos Ministry (Hap Pinkerton) will go into Dick Connor Correctional Facility April 18-21

Mary Fermin's daughter, Juliana, had a baby, Andrew; he is now home

Kairos graduate, Dale, as he enters the world

Kerry & Toni Hartley – Covid

Lacey Breech (friend of Bill & Patti) – inoperable brain cancer

Beth & Tim (friends of Janet Parker)

Dovey (friend of Sharon Volz) Stage 4 lung cancer (metastasized)

Terri (Laura Brewer's sister) – pray for continued healing and strength

Our Church & Staff

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# Sing to the Lord a new song psalm 96

All hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal OR as listed below in lyrics.

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

# Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

# Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free, my God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love amazing grace

# Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures

# Chorus Chorus

# Verse 4.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below, will be forever mine Will be forever mine, you are forever mine

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> We welcome you to the worship of God today. If this is your first time with us, please fill out a 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate.

Our mission is to love God and love our neighbors, all of our neighbors, according to Jesus' Great Commandment in Matthew 22: 34-40. We accept you in this family of faith! God loves you, and so do we!