



KNOX
PRESBYTERIAN
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Sunday Worship Service

March 17, 2024

11:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent | Repair

Welcome

Words of Orientation

Spirit of the Living God – Hymn #297

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Internal Repair – *Receiving Healing Wholeness Within Ourselves*

Where are you in need of integration, healing, or self-forgiveness? In what ways is the Spirit inviting you to welcome your true self with grace?

Song of Reflection – New Every Morning

Porter's Gate, Taylor Leonhart ©2024

You are not what you have done

Or what has been done to you

You are something like the rising sun

Can't you see that you are new

You might have your father's name

Or bear the shame he left behind

But there's new life flowing through your veins

Leave some room to be surprised

You are new every morning

You are new every morning

Each day a resurrection waiting to break through

You are new

You could try just for a start

To put the judge back on the shelf

All the lovingkindness in your heart

Have a little for yourself

Confession as Liberation – *Repairing Relationship with God and Others*

Time of Reflection – *identifying what we need to confess to experience liberation in our relationship with God*

Where are you in need of God's forgiveness?

God We Fear Your Fire

Text: David Bjorlin, Music: Sally Ann Morris ©2020 GIA Publications

God, we fear your fire and run when you draw near,
but let us brave the blazing; come burn away our fear.

God, we fear your fire, revealing what we hide,
but let us face our failings; come burn away our pride.

God, we fear your fire because we dread your blame.
but let us trust your mercy; come burn away our shame.

God, we fear your fire, but even more our chains;
come burn away what binds us till only love remains.

Matthew 6:9-14

⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Recognizing that our relationships with God and others are inextricably intertwined, where are you in need of liberation and healing in your relationships? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness? Whom do you need to forgive?

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Are The Merciful

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Blessed are the merciful (x3) Forgive us as we forgive
For they shall receive mercy, mercy Those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Participating in God's Repair in Our Relationships and In the World

Relational Repair and Reparation – seeking healing in relationship as affirmation of the other's dignity and value

Leviticus 6:1-7

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“When any of you sin and commit a trespass against the Lord by deceiving a neighbor in a matter of a deposit or a pledge or by robbery or if you have defrauded a neighbor ³or have found something lost and lied about it—if you swear falsely regarding any of the various things that one may do and sin— ⁴when you have sinned and recognize your guilt and would restore what you took by robbery or by fraud or the deposit that was committed to you or the lost thing that you found ⁵or anything else about which you have sworn falsely, you shall repay the principal amount and add one-fifth to it. You shall pay it to its owner when you recognize your guilt. ⁶And you shall bring to the priest, as your guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish from the flock, or its

equivalent, for a guilt offering. ⁷The priest shall make atonement on your behalf before the Lord, and you shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and incur guilt thereby.”

Truth-telling is critical to repair. But confession alone—which tends to serve the confessor more than the oppressed—will never be enough.

Reparations are required. To expect repair without some kind of remittance would be injustice doubled. What has been stolen must be returned. This is not vengeance, it's restoration.

Arthur Riley, Cole. *This Here Flesh* (pp. 137-138).

What would restoration look like for you? In your relationships? For us as a community? How have you seen repair in this way done well?

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Show Your mercy through us
Mercy

Repair and Restoration in the World– Participating in God's work of reconciliation and healing in the world

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Isaiah 58:6-9

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

How might God be calling you, be calling us as a community, to participate in God's repair of the world today?

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Response and Offering

You are now invited to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary



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Song During Offering – Instrument of Peace

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Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life

Lord, make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace
(2X)

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain

Lord, make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace
(2X)

Prayers of the People

Sending Song - God of Justice

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God of justice, Savior to all
Came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served
Jesus, You have called us
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give *Chorus*

To act justly every day
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You God
You have shown us what You require
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give *Chorus*

Fill us up and send us out (x2)
Fill us up and send us out, Lord

Benediction

Chorus:
We must go
live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Worship Leaders: Beth Abbey

Audio/Video Technician: Jason Stuart

Greeter: Sam Weber

Upcoming Schedule

Mar 10	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Mar 17	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Mar 19	Session	6 p.m.
Mar 24	Palm Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday -Bethany hosting	6:30 p.m.
Mar 29	Good Friday Knox Hosting Bethany	6:30 p.m.
Mar 31	Easter Worship	11:30 a.m.

Announcements

Message from your Knox Clerk of Session:

Many of you know that Knox is seeking a new Clerk of Session for this important role in our church's ministry. It might sound like a daunting task, but I'm here to say that it is probably one of the most rewarding ways someone can serve our church. Honestly, I'm reticent about stepping down. It's been that good. God is opening up new doors for us in our post-retirement Guatemala ministry that are calling us away too often. For anyone even slightly considering God's nudge to step into this role, be assured that you are surrounded and supported by pastoral and administrative staff at Knox, along with an awesome session, past clerks, and professionals in our presbytery that make this job more of a blessing than a task. And, if you act soon, I hope to pass along all my 'Session Clerks for Dummies' literature that were handed down to me, along with your very own, limited edition, official Reformerware John Knox coffee mug, a highly sought-after possession that is the envy of session clerks everywhere. Act now to avoid the rush! Let Pastor Drew know that this job is for you!

Blessings,

Richard Welch, Clerk of Session

Nursery Attendant

Knox is looking for a Sunday morning nursery attendant. We need someone who loves small children to spend time with our little ones during worship on the Sundays we have them with us. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact our office administrator, Jill Walters, by emailing admin@spokaneknoxpc.org.

Prayers

Richard Raymond

Continue to pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code**.

Beth Jorgenson and her daughter, Sarah

Please pray for comfort for Sarah in her final days and pray for God's peace and comfort for Beth.

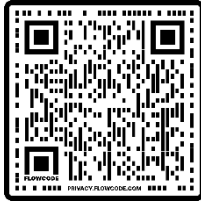
Peace

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and everywhere there is war and violence.

Knox Presbyterian Church Link Tree QR Code



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