



**KNOX**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**March 3, 2024**

**11:30 AM**

**Third Sunday of Lent | Lament**

## **Welcome**

### **Centering for Worship**

#### **Hope of the World**

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Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:  
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;  
save us, thy people, from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:  
still let thy Spirit unto us be given  
to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wandering souls the path of light:  
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from thee to endless night.

#### **I Want Jesus to Walk With Me**

African American Spiritual – AAHH #563

I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## Prayer of Confession

### Have Mercy

CCLI Song # 7041358 Sandra McCracken

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me

O Lord, have mercy

O Lord, have mercy

## Assurance of Pardon

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:  
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;  
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:  
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;  
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

## Prayers of the People

### There is a Longing in Our Hearts

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*Chorus (all):*

***There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord***

***For you to reveal yourself to us***

***There is a longing in our hearts for love***

***We only find in you, our God***

Leader:

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: Hear our prayer

In sorrow, in grief: Be near, hear our prayer, O God **Chorus**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: Hear our prayer

In weakness, in fear: Be near, hear our prayer, O God **Chorus**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: Hear our prayer  
In sickness, in death: Be near, hear our prayer, O God **Chorus**

*Chorus (all):*

***There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord  
For you to reveal yourself to us  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
We only find in you, our God***

Lord, save us, take pity, Light in our darkness  
We call you, we wait: Be near, hear our prayer, O God **Chorus**

**Shepherd us, O God** – 23H *Psalms for All Seasons*

Shepherd us, O God  
Beyond our wants  
Beyond our fears  
From death into life

### **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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### **Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

### **Lamentations 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces

has become subject to forced labor.

<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;

they have become her enemies.

<sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

<sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve,

and her lot is bitter.

<sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper

because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her

transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

<sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;

they fled without strength before the pursuer.

<sup>7</sup>Jerusalem remembers all the precious things  
that were hers in days of old.

When her people fell into the hand of the enemy  
and there was no one to help her,  
the enemy looked on; they mocked over her downfall.

<sup>8</sup>Jerusalem sinned grievously, so she has become a filthy thing;  
all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness;  
she herself groans and turns her face away.

<sup>9</sup>Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future;  
her downfall was appalling, with none to comfort her.

Look, O Lord, at my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!

<sup>10</sup>Enemies have stretched out their hands over all her precious things;  
she has even seen the nations invade her sanctuary,  
those whom you forbade to enter your congregation.

<sup>11</sup>All her people groan as they search for bread;  
they trade their treasures for food to revive their lives.  
Look, O Lord, and see how worthless I have become.

## Sermon

### Good to Me

The Porter's Gate © 2023 | Leslie Jordan and Nick Chambers

I can taste the sweetness of your mercy  
But I feel the sting of grief still in my chest  
Not sure I've known the one without the other  
But I will cling to the belief I know the best

You have been  
You will be  
You are so good to me

You have been  
You will be  
You are still here with me

I reach out my hand in hopes you'll hold on  
Time and time again find empty space  
So I will keep them open though they're shaking  
Call to mind the times I've felt the grip of grace

## **Invitation to the Table**

### **Communion**

#### **Song of Reflection During Communion**

##### **Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting**

Music and Arrangement: Rawn Harbor © 2008 OCP

Refrain:

My soul is thirsting,  
my soul is thirsting,  
oh, my soul is thirsting  
for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul  
thirsts like the earth, parched,  
lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
for your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

## **Light is Kindled in Darkness**

David Bjorlin, Benjamin Brody © 2017 GIA Publications

Light is kindled in the darkness  
when our hope seems most absurd,  
beacons through a shrouded future,  
pledges of Christ's steadfast word:  
gifts of goodness yet enfold us  
all around, beneath, above—  
signs of beauty still persisting,  
symbols of God's constant love

Though the wrong appears victorious —  
violence, prejudice, and pride —  
hope still rises from the wreckage;  
joy and grief stand side by side.  
We will feel both pain and promise,  
terror's sting and love's new birth,  
as we walk in light and shadow  
on God's blessed and bleeding earth

Raise your candle in the darkness  
though the wick of faith burns low.  
Feed the fire with grace and justice  
and in wonder watch it grow.  
As we gather flames together,  
till they shine with warmth and light,  
God dispels the night of hatred,  
and the blaze of love burns bright

## **Benediction**



## **Thank you to our Leaders in Worship**

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Preacher: Rev. Eric Peterson

Worship Leaders: Ben Brody

Audio/Video Technician: Jason Stuart

Greeter: Carole Stuart

## **Upcoming Schedule**

<b>Mar 3</b>	Worship & Communion	11:30 a.m.
	<i>First Sunday</i> Potluck Fellowship Hall	After Worship
<b>Mar 10</b>	Ministry Team Meetings	Before Worship
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
<b>Mar 17</b>	Worship	11:30 a.m.
<b>Mar 19</b>	Session	6 p.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***

### ***First Sunday!***

The next ***First Sunday*** potluck will be after church today! **Food fosters fellowship!**

### **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](mailto: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**.

#### **Middle East**

Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

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