



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Galilean Sunrise

Katia Dinas

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
- People: The journey begins in the wilderness.
- Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
- People: Like Jesus, we are not alone, the Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.
- Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.
- People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Thanks be to God!**

♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GTG 307 CWM RHONDDA

Michael Shea

Rich Lewis, Lay Liturgist

GTG 582 GLORY TO GOD

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Home to Gloryland

Arr. by Patti Drennan

Directed by Kyle Feather Katia Dinas, pianist

I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, when Jesus takes me home to Gloryland.

I've a home prepared where the saints abide, just over in the Gloryland. And I long to be by my Savior's side, just over in the Gloryland.

Just over in the Gloryland, I'll join the happy angel band, just over in the Gloryland. just over in the Gloryland, There with the mighty host I'll stand, Just over in the Gloryland.

Ring the bells of heaven! There is joy today, for a soul, returning from the wild! See, the Father meets him out upon the way, welcoming His weary, wand'ring child.

Glory! Glory! How the angels sing; Glory! Glory! How the loud harps ring! 'Tis the ransomed army, like a mighty sea, pealing forth the anthem of the free.

We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time; somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine; in that land of perfect day, when the mists are rolled away, we will understand it better by and by.

Yes, by and by. By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by.

'Cause there's a new name written down in glory, and it's mine, I know it's mine, yes, it's mine. O, yes its mine. And the white robed angels sing the story, "A sinner has come home." For there's a new name written down in glory, and it's mine, O yes, it's mine! With my sins forgiven I am bound for Heaven, nevermore to roam. With my faith in Jesus and sins forgiven, I am goin' home to Gloryland!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 8b-13

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

"How much is too much?"

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, Traditional

Jennifer Tieman

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WHYMN OF MEDITATION

Touch the Earth Lightly

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

GTG 713 TENDERNESS

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Siciliano

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

J.S. Bach GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

♦ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

© CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

♦ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

Our gratitude and thanks to Jennifer Tiemann, guest clergy today. Pastor Ken and his wife, Barbara are with family celebrating the birth of their latest grandson, William who arrived earlier than expected on February 27.



Congregational Meeting, 3/20/22. The Session is calling for a meeting of the congregation, Sunday March 20. The purpose of the meeting to elect a new Elder for the Session. There are currently two open spots on Session. The Session will be putting forth Frank Fehmel as the candidate. The meeting will occur at the beginning of the worship. This will allow for installation during worship. Please plan to participate in this important event in the life of our church.





Pastor Ken will begin a new midweek devotion, *Praying the Beatitudes*, Wednesday, March 9. Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with these provocative and comforting statements of blessing. In many ways, the *Sermon on the Mount* is a disciple's training manual. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in these chaotic and anxious times? How might praying the beatitudes form and shape our faith and faithfulness? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice when they have been uploaded. Join us and spread the word! Perhaps someone who is not part of our church might be interested!

GTG 619 LAUDA ANIMA We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. <u>www.FaithUnited-pc.com</u> You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving for Building Repairs and the Garage Fund. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**





Metrocrest Services will hold their annual KEYHOLDERS Breakfast on Tuesday, April 5 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Carrollton. We are looking for people from Faith United to attend and learn about the good work being done by Metrocrest. If you can attend, please contact the church office or Courtland Lewis at 214-417-9982 by March 20.

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken and Brenda Swindle split their time between working from home and the church offices. They are ready to assist. They are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They can also receive your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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Thanks to the musicians in worship today!

Soprano

Marissa Guerrero Mary Marxer Barbara Ritchie Gerry Shotswell Katelyn Spivey David Pierce, Director of Music Alto Patti Sloey Jessica Stottlemyer Renee Wensley

Katia Dinas, Pianist **Tenor** Kyle Feather Jeremy Rohwer

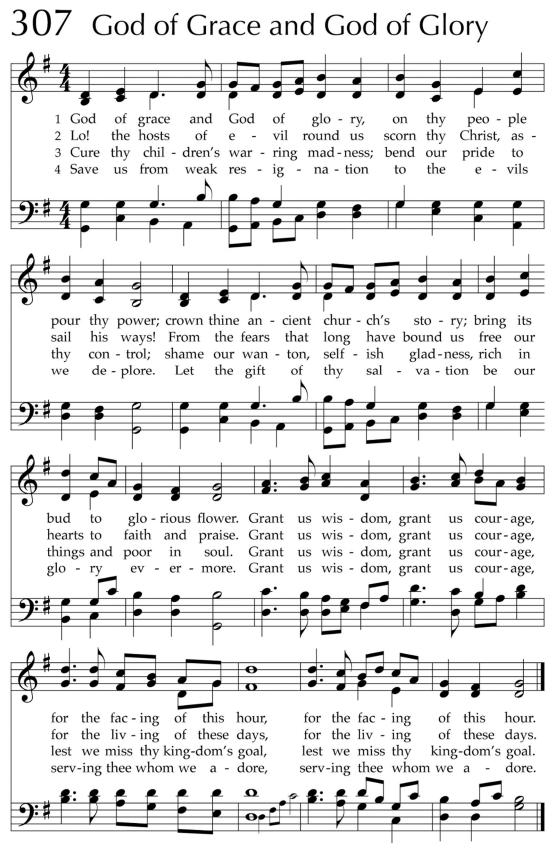
Bass

Kurt Booth Hawkins Burns Rich Lewis Zachary Rohwer

Dale DurcholzRoger JonesMike JonesDennis Van DeventerKathie HefflerDavid DuellGeorge & Mozelle MillsMarxer familyHomebound or Recovering:Freddie Simmons, Charley RaeFurrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

PRAYER LIST

OPENING HYMN



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

HYMN of MEDITATION



An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

HYMN of DEDICATION



This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session Rich Lewis, Treasurer

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Kathleen Ferguson, W&M *Debbie Menefee, CL *Katie Miller, CE and Finance *Tracy Tiemann, B&G

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