Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day February 28th, 2016

3rd Sunday in Lent



"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near....my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways."

Isaiah 55:6 and 8

Gathering Around the WORD Call To Worship

(Based on Isaiah 55)

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

#375 "Shall We Gather at the River" Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Gering Hymn

#375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Garing Hymm #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

<u> ទី១៩៤១ ក្រីស្វាស្វា</u> #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

<u>Gathering Around the WORD</u> Call to Confession

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

The Scripture call us to turn from sinful ways and return to God, who offers mercy and pardon. Trusting in that mercy, let us call upon God who is near.

Gathering Around the WORD Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to less things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our way are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Declaration of Forgiveness

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, and a way back to God. Through the water of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ. Thanks be to God, Amen.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Passing of the Peace of Christ

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

(I John 4:7-8)



Proclaiming the WORD Message to the Youth/ Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Isaiah 55:1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Isaiah 55:1-9)

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Isaiah 55:1-9)

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Luke 13:1-9)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Luke 13:1-9)

⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."







Responding Hymn

435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

Responding Hymn

435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Responding to the WORD Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior,
who is one with the Creator,
who rescued me and all creation
from the depredations of our violations
against God and creation.

This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,
walked a path through this world,
taking on human form having been born of a woman
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Responding to the WORD

Affirmation of Faith

He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God's path to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God's hands and feet in the world.

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Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will continue our regular afternoon Bible Study group Today. We will be studying a seven-part series on the Seven Days of Glory: Holy Week in preparation of the coming Lenten Season. Please join us downstairs at 12:30 in the basement. All are welcomed.
- The Women's Group will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm. They are currently studying the book of Genesis. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please contact Margaret Lesman or Cara Chin.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Upcoming Dates:

3/6, 3/13	Lenten Breakfast
3/6	Women's Day Sunday
	with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Grace May
3/19	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
3/20	Palm Sunday after Church –
	Distribution of Palm Crosses
	at St. Joachim & Anne Nursing Home
3/25	Good Friday Service
3/27	Easter Sunday

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Offering of our Gifts and our Lives Special Music: # 292 "As the Wind Song"

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

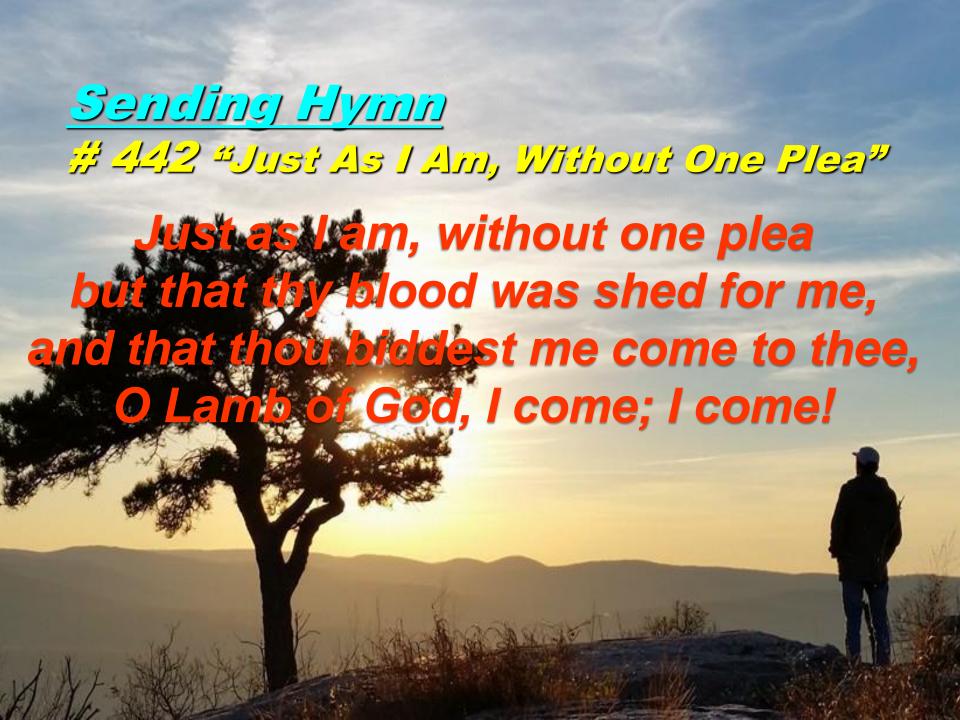
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

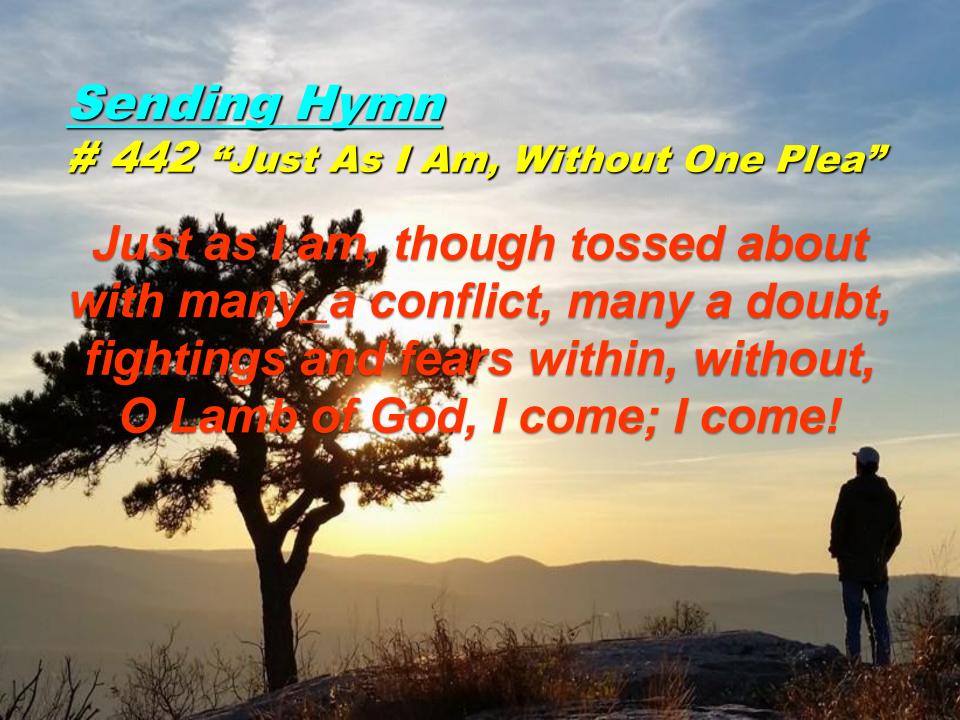
2 Corinthians 9:6

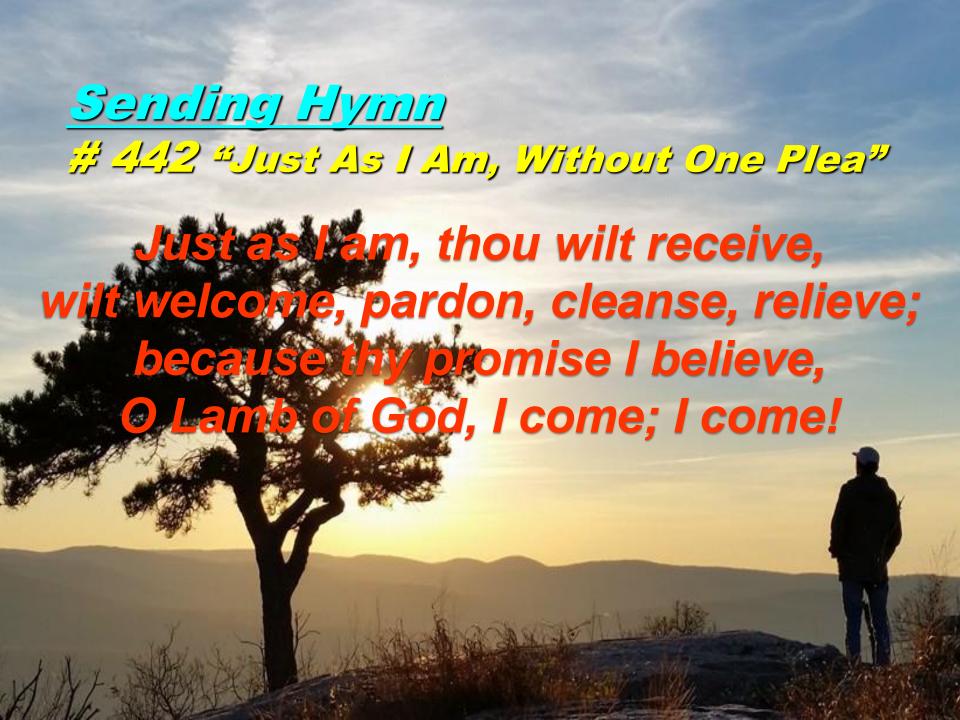


Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Doxology and Offertory Prayer

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









Bearing and Following the WORD into the World The Charge and Benediction



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Benediction Response

#140 "Shalom, Chavarim! Farewell, Good Friends"

Shalom, Good friends!
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Shalom, Shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, Shalom.

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