



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 9, 2025

First Week of Lent



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Near the Cross” by Lloyd Larson

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace McDowell

We come to the table where Jesus meets us.

A table where the last are first, and the first are last.

We come carrying brokenness—our own and the world's.

We come seeking transformation

Christ turns over what is shattered and makes space for healing.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 740

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

At the table, Jesus saw more than what was polished and presentable—he saw the cracks, the wear, the brokenness. And he welcomed it. Come, bring what is fractured, what is failing, what is unfinished. God does not discard what is shattered—God redeems it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Merciful God,

**We confess that we are too often content to sit at tables of privilege,
content with systems that serve us,
even as they exclude others.**

**We are slow to question, slow to change,
and hesitant to overturn what is broken.**

Forgive us when we cling to comfort rather than seeking justice.

Turn over the tables in our hearts, O God.

**Gather the shattered pieces of our lives,
and make something beautiful.**

In the name of Jesus, the One who welcomes all, we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear this good news:

Jesus Christ turns over every barrier that separates us from God's love.

In him, what is shattered is gathered. What is broken is mended.

We are forgiven. We are set free. So let us live as those who have been transformed!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

*We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

God, you speak in the breaking of bread, in the overturning of tables, in the quiet whispers of grace. Give us ears to hear what we need, not just what we want. May your Word shape us, change us, and turn us toward love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Grace McDowell

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Almighty/ Awesome God”

Handbell Choir

SERMON

Turning Over Tables: Reveal

Jenn DiFrancesco

- What was revealed to Zacchaeus that changed him?
- How does Jesus turn over expectations in this story?
- What is being revealed in your own life that needs transformation?

*HYMN # 456

“Listen, God is Calling”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God which we have to hear and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject the false doctrine that the church could and should acknowledge
as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God,
other events, powers, figures, or truths, as God’s revelation.**

**We trust and confess that the church’s commission,
which is founded upon God’s reconciliation in Christ,
is to deliver the message of the free grace of God to all people
and to call them to faith and obedience.**

**We reject the false doctrine that the church can abandon this mission,
or place it in service of any worldly desires, purposes, or ideologies.**

**Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all, and in him, God is making all things new.
Amen.**

(From the Barmen Confession, 1934)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Jesus welcomed the outsider, dined with the excluded, and revealed a kingdom where generosity flows freely. As we give, we participate in this abundant grace—offering what we have so that all may be fed, all may belong, and all may know God's love. Let us bring our gifts with joy and gratitude.

*During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as it is passed,
or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.*

OFFERTORY

**“Jesus Paid It All”
by Tracey Craig McKibben**

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

God of abundance, we give these gifts as an act of trust—trust that you are working in us, through us, and beyond us. Use them to nourish the hungry, to welcome the stranger, and to build a world where your justice reigns. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN # 747**

"The Lord Now Send Us Forth"

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Go now, for God is still creating,
turning what is broken into something new.

Go, for Christ is still redeeming,
flipping the tables of injustice and making space for grace.

Go, for the Spirit is still moving,
breathing life into us and stirring us to act.

And may the blessing of God, who made us,
Christ, who calls us,
and the Spirit, who sends us forth,
be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Come and Take My Life”
by Patti Drennan

Valerie Adelung

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
Refrain E^b (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B^b (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B^b7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E^b (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B^b (D) E^b (D) E^b (D7) E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain

Leader *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word - in - vit - ing,
 Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
 ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

Leader *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
 En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
 ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
 Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
 mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
 ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
 yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.