

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

### GATHERING

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Preserve Me, O God

**WELCOME**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

From the Dust

From the dust we came, to the dust we shall return.  
God everlasting, age unto age the same.  
We are a moment then, like a breath, we fade.  
From the dust we came, to the dust we shall return.  
God everlasting, we are cut down like grass.  
Seeds in the morning, and by the night we pass.  
O Lord, have mercy.

-Genesis 3:19; James 4:14; Psalm 90:5-6

## CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

God of the lonely desert sands:  
draw near to us as we gather to worship.

**God whose springs of living water quench our thirst:  
enter our thoughts as we listen to your Word.**

God who gives us daily bread:  
calm our minds as we cry out in prayer.

**God who supplies our deepest needs:  
flood our hearts with your love.**

## HYMN | STANDING

## Restore In Us, O God



1. Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor  
2. O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der  
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness  
4. Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise



of your love; re - new your im - age  
of your pow'r; from fruit - less fear un -  
of your joy; bap - tize us in the  
of your grace, that we, when all our



in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in our thinking and our speaking,  
in our action and our inaction,  
in our words and our deeds.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.  
Forgive what we have been,  
and redirect what we shall be,  
so that we may live fully in your will  
and walk in your ways.

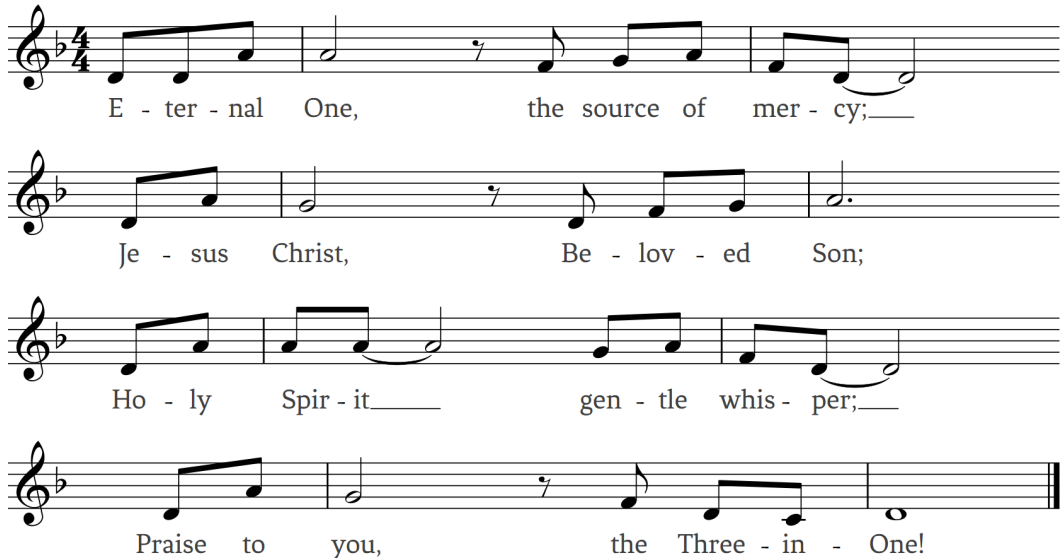
*Silence is kept for person confession.*

Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SUNG RESPONSE

Eternal One



E - ter - nal One, the source of mer - cy;—  
Je - sus Christ, Be - lov - ed Son;  
Ho - ly Spir - it— gen - tle whis - per;—  
Praise to you, the Three - in - One!

# LISTENING

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## WONDERING TOGETHER

*Children are dismissed after the scripture readings for Sunday School (K-6).  
Children may be picked up from their classrooms at 11:00.*

### SERMON

*What Now?*  
Rev. Paul Gilmore

# RESPONDING

## CHORAL RESPONSE

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
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,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
  
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

## INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

Beloved in Christ,  
at Easter,  
we will celebrate our deliverance from sin and death  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus.  
Lent is the season of preparation  
for this great celebration.  
We have begun our Lenten journey  
by acknowledging our need for repentance,  
and opening ourselves  
to the One whose love knows no boundaries  
and whose mercy is demonstrated to us  
in the life of Jesus Christ.

And so,  
I invite us to observe a holy Lent -  
by taking an honest look at our lives,  
by praying,  
by letting go of those things that harm us,  
by taking on works of love for others,  
and by reading and feasting on God's Word.  
By doing these things,  
we prepare ourselves for the passion of Holy Week  
and the joy of Easter.  
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God -  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all  
throughout these forty days of Lent.  
Amen.

**HYMN** | STANDING

Could It Be That God Is Singing?  
(next page)



1. Could it be that God is sing - ing and these  
 2. Have you car - ried heav - y si - lence, have you  
 3. Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his



notes are my re - ply to the God - light warm with -  
 let old sor - rows win, or pro - claimed psalms of for -  
 life's sur - pris - ing course! May I, too, live bold re -



in — me, join - ing earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly  
 give - ness, but not of - fered them with - in? Oh, the  
 sist - ance to in - jus - tice, hate and force. Sure - ly



mer - cy has a ca - dence; I can feel it in — my soul! Sure - ly  
 Spir - it, she was sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -  
 peace, it has a ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if



jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!  
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.  
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

### SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Peace, salaam, shalom**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

## THE 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.

## SENDING

HYMN | STANDING

May the Face of God Shine On You



1. May the face of \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ shine on you.
2. May the peace of \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus stead - y you.
3. May the joy of the Spir - it car - ry you.



May the face of \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ shine on you, with the  
May the peace of \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus stead - y you when the  
May the joy of the Spir - it car - ry you. May the



words of pro - mise \_\_\_\_\_ whis - pered in your ear.  
world is shak - ing and chal - leng - es a - rise.  
laugh - ter pour wash - ing o - ver ev - 'ry day.



May the face of \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ shine on you.  
May the peace of \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus stead - y you.  
May the joy of the Spir - it car - ry you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### OFFERING

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the collection box.
- Give online at [winnpres.org/give-online](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

### LENT SOUP SUPPER: WEDNESDAY @ 6PM

You won't have to make dinner on the Wednesdays of Lent! Join us each Wednesday in March at 6pm for a simple soup supper, a simple prayer, and fellowship with friends from WPC. RSVP is not required, but it will help us to plan. Just let us know if you're planning on coming to soup supper and we'll save a spot at the table for you! Sign-up on the website or at the coffee hour table.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG: TODAY

Our annual meeting is today, following worship. Hard copies of the annual report are available. Digital copies can be found in your weekly email and on the church website.

### SING IN THE CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY

ALL singers are invited to sing with the choir next Sunday. Just come to rehearsal at 8:45am to learn the anthem and then sing during worship. If you would like to take a look at the music in advance, just let Geoff know.

### SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly

Lector: Andy Langan

Prayer Leader: Kathy Fink

Musicians: Daniel Rausch, Alasia Williams,  
Bryan Wlas, Kyra Kornfeld

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