



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

SILENT REFLECTION

“The word ‘community’ has many connotations, some positive, some negative. Community can make us think of a safe togetherness, shared meals, common goals, and joyful celebrations. It also can call forth images of sectarian exclusivity, in-group language, self-satisfied isolation, and romantic naïveté. However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own (see Philippians 2:4). The question, therefore, is not ‘How can we make community?’ but ‘How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?’ ”

Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

Chorale prélude “Ein feste Burg”

Colton Martin
Johann Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bailey Pruner

You have given us good food to eat: food that lasts, food that sustains us, food that we enjoy.

We, your people, worship you in spirit and in truth.

You heal us in ways we don’t understand or even see; you make our lives and souls whole again.

We, your people, worship you in spirit and in truth.

You invite us into your eternal, perfect fellowship where there are no tears and no exclusion and all are one.

We, your people, worship you in spirit and in truth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 49

LEONI

*The God of Abraham Praise*WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel Wood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not sought you, and we have not enjoyed you as you would like us to. We’ve judged our neighbors, parents, children, friends, and enemies for sins that merely offend us. We’ve refused the hard work of celebrating you and your salvation. All of our greatest works are ultimately like filthy rags to you. Look on us with mercy, forgive us, and complete in us the good work you began and promised to finish. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Believe the Good News! Look on Jesus and be saved. The only One in a position to judge us has died for us in our stead. Praise be to Him.

We humbly affirm and receive Christ's sacrifice and look forward to enjoying the always new, eternal life He gives us.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory Be to the Father

*GREETING

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

ANTHEM

Old Time Religion Medley

Adult Bell Choir
arr. Mark Hayes

(Children from age four to second grade are dismissed to Junior Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 23:21-30 (pp. 357-358)

SERMON

"Passover Again"
Sermon Series: Back on Track

Kevin Vollrath

*CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 434

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR PRAYERS

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bailey Pruner

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on "Lumen ad Revelationem Gentium" (from *Candlemas*) Colton Martin

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joel Wood

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S COMFORT

*SENDING HYMN NO. 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Major (BWV 572)

Colton Martin
J.S. Bach

**Those who are able, please stand.*

MEET KING JOSIAH

King Josiah was Judah’s last gasp — the last good thing that happened to the Israelites before their kingdom was destroyed. Josiah became king as a child of only eight, and soon took an interest in the LORD, contrary to his father, King Amon. Early in life he instituted reforms and took steps against idol worship. At 25 years of age, Josiah decided to rebuild the LORD’s temple, deteriorated with age. As the workers were cleaning, they found an obscure book that no one had ever heard of — the Bible, forgotten by previous generations. As the king listened to his secretary read the Bible, he was struck with grief and terror, certain the LORD was furious with Josiah and his people for their disobedience. Josiah immediately set upon a sweeping program to eliminate pagan worship and to renew the ancient covenant of the LORD. He toured the land, destroying pagan shrines, and celebrated the Passover for the first time in decades. The revival was wonderful. But as soon as Josiah died, the people returned to their evil ways, and before his sons reached middle age, the LORD’s judgment for centuries of evil practices came, and Judah was no more.

Where to read Josiah’s story: 2 Kings 22:1-23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation

Teaching Elder/Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Monday</i>).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Friday</i>)	Bailey Pruner
Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth	Patty Gatto
Communications and Administration.....	Cynthia Tuleja
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Choir Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kevin Vollrath and Joel Wood
Sexton	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub