

Virtual Worship Outline for Christ Presbyterian Church
March 7th, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: There should always be something a little odd about the Christian faith. It testifies to a God who is love despite their being such animosity and challenge in the world. Paul makes the startling statement that the cross of Christ is “foolishness” to those who are perishing. The life of discipleship is an invitation to mirror back this “foolish” love in service to God and neighbor.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements (Chris)

Prelude

Call to Worship (Gretchen)

One: Has not God made the wisdom of the world into something senseless?

All: Even when we don't understand, lead us to trust in You, O Lord.

One: So often faith leaves us with more questions than answers.

All: You hold us through our questions and our reservations.

One: The invitation at this table is to see the world through different eyes.

All: In worship, we accept God's invitation.

One: The invitation at this table is to love in manner beyond our dreaming.

All: In worship, we accept God's invitation.

One: The invitation to you, beloved congregation, is to find faith in life's contradictions.

All: In worship, we accept God's invitation.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession (Chris)

Father in Heaven,

**we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered into your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.**

**We have lifted our hands to you in praise
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.**

**We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.**

**We pray you, Lord, to forgive our lack of faith
and to pardon our acts of injustice.**

**Grace us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(from Chalice Worship)

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination (Gretchen)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 19

One: The Word of God for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading (Chris)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Meditation

A Reckless Love for a Foolish People

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People of God

Prayer

*Hymn No. 209

My Song is Love Unknown

*Blessing and Benediction (Chris)

Postlude