



CONCORD
CHURCH OF GULF BREEZE

ORDER *for the* PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

The Twenty-Second day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty

SEASON of LENT • Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. • Concord Presbyterian Church

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 11:8-10

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of Himself to His people.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go
out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.

**And he went out,
not knowing where he was going.**

By faith he went to live in the land of promise,
as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob,
heirs with him of the same promise.

**For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations,
whose designer and builder is God.**

HYMN: "Though You Slay Me" (2013)

Joshua Moore

1. **I come, God, I come
I return to the Lord
The one who's broken
The one who's torn me apart
You struck down to bind me up
You say You do it all in love
That I might know You in Your suffering**

*Though You slay me
Yet I will praise You
Though You take from me
I will bless Your name
Though You ruin me
Still I will worship
Sing a song to the one who's all I need*

2. **My heart and flesh may fail
The earth below give way
But with my eyes, with my eyes I'll see the Lord
Lifted high on that day
Behold, the Lamb that was slain
And I'll know every tear was worth it all**

*Though You slay me
Yet I will praise You
Though You take from me
I will bless Your name
Though You ruin me
Still I will worship
Sing a song to the one who's all I need*

Though tonight I'm crying out
Let this cup pass from me now
You're still all that I need
You're enough for me

*Though You slay me
Yet I will praise You
Though You take from me
I will bless Your name
Though You ruin me
Still I will worship
Sing a song to the one who's all I need*

PRAYER

HYMN: "Sovereign Over Us" (2014)

Aaron Keyes

1. **There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear
You are working in our waiting
You're sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust**

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us*

2. **You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the Heavens
Reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight**

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us*

**Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good and for Your glory
Even in the valley, You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good and for Your glory**

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever, perfect in love -- You are sovereign over us*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father,
forgive us for doubting Your Father's heart.
Pardon us for blaspheming Your name,
disobeying Your will,
and rejecting Your guidance.
We have craved the bread that doesn't satisfy,
while You patiently offer us the Bread of Life.
We have Your forgiveness,
yet we are slow to forgive the offenses of others.
We have heedlessly entered into temptation
and refused Your deliverance from evil.
Have mercy on us, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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GREETING OF PEACE

We greet one another with joy because the grace we receive from Christ sets us free to love and forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 1:1-7

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever." Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON

"We Are All Exiles Now"

Pastor Jon Becker

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

1. We are all _____ exiles _____ now – we have a new _____ landscape _____ (vv. 1-5)
 - a. In this new landscape our sovereign God remains _____ on His throne _____ (vv. 1-2)
 - b. In this new landscape our inheritance remains _____ undiminished _____ (vv. 3-5)
2. We were _____ made _____ for this – we have a new _____ lens _____ (vv. 6-9)
 - a. Our new perspective enables us to rejoice (v. 6)
 - b. Our new perspective enables us to rejoice even in our sufferings (vv. 7-9)

- i. We suffer _____ **but only for a little while** _____
- ii. We _____ **all** _____ **must suffer**
- iii. We all suffer _____ **but we all suffer differently** _____
- iv. We all suffer differently _____ **but yours is designed** _____
- v. We all suffer _____ **but the outcome always glorifies God** _____

- 1. He is refining your faith
- 2. He is bestowing (achieving for us) glory
- 3. He prepares us to give him praise, honor, glory
- 4. He fills us with inexpressible joy

CLOSING HYMN: "All Glory Be to Christ" (2016)

Dustin Kensrue

1. **Should nothing of our efforts stand**
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ne'er to cease
All glory be to Christ!

2. **His will be done**
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ne'er to cease
All glory be to Christ!

BENEDICTION

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