



Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026 11:00 a.m.



Epilogue
Inspired by John 8:2-11
14"x18" Acrylic on canvas
T. Denise Anderson

Centering Moment

I wanted to show this woman standing in her wholeness, right after the crowds have dispersed and right before Jesus rises to meet her as an equal. She's backlit in a way that suggests the sun has set, indicating the end of a saga. What will she do at the end of a nightmare with a new life ahead of her? What decisions do we face at the dawn of a second chance?

-T. Denise Anderson

Bulletin indications:

* indicates standing in body or rising in spirit as able.

Bold text indicates words spoken by the whole congregation.

Preparing to Worship God

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Anna Laura Page

Gathering Around God's Word

*Call to Worship

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

***Hymn 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we love to live our lives by the rules.

We love clear answers.

We love right and wrong.

We love swift justice.

We love to pick up stones,

but you show us another way.

You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.

You prioritize mercy over legality.

You prioritize people over tradition.

You prioritize love over everything.

Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.

Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts.

Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Church family,

Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way.

Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy.

Our God is a God of compassion.

Our God is a God of grace.

We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way.

Thanks be to God for yet another second chance.

Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another, saying, "The peace of our Lord be with you!"

And also with you!

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Hymn 441** Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON
(Verse 1 and Refrain)

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!

Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

All children are invited to come forward for a time with Pastor Leigh.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:23

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

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John 8:2-11

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Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a table-setting God
who always has a seat saved for you.

We believe in an inviting God
who leaves the porch light on and a hand extended.

We believe in a radically welcoming God
**who eats with the overlooked and the outcast,
 the hungry and the downtrodden.**

We believe in the good news of
 the gospel, which reminds us
**that all are welcomed, all are celebrated,
 all are loved, and all are claimed.**

Pull up a seat at God's table.

There is good news to be shared here. Amen.

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace

John Newton

You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table.

*Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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.**

Following God Into The World

*Hymn 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Instrumental Repise of
 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

W.M. Runyan

You are invited to remain seated quietly for the postlude so those
 worshipping online can hear the music.

Announcements

Tell Us Something Good! Write a few words of good news about God and His work in CPC on a leaf and tape it to the tree on the table in the sanctuary. **For March 22nd**, tell something good you sense that God is calling our church to do.

Home Communion Training:
Monday, March 23, 2-3 P.M., @ the Manse.

Palm Sunday Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 P.M., Sanctuary
All choir members, musicians, and readers are asked to join in a run-through of the Palm Sunday service.

Palm Sunday Fellowship Lunch:
Sunday, March 29, 12:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall
We invite you to stay after worship on **Sunday, March 29**, for a special time of food and fellowship. To help us prepare for everyone, use the QR code to RSVP by **Wednesday, March 25th**. \$10 per person/ \$25 per household max.



Maundy Thursday Simple Supper:
Thursday, April 2, 5:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall;
6:00 P.M. Service begins
5:30 P.M. - optional hand washing stations (to reenact Jesus's foot washing in a small way)
6:00 P.M. - worship begins, with a simple soup supper integrated into the service.

Easter Lily Order Form
All orders must be received in the office by **Wednesday, March 25**. Printed order forms are on tables outside the Sanctuary, and online orders are available in Realm under Registration Events. If you will not be taking home your Easter Lily, your contribution has been made to the Scholarship Musicians Fund. Thank you!

Little Free Pantry Caretakers are needed for the months of April and May. If you would like to be a part of this ministry as a caretaker, please contact Linda Handyside. Thank you.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 22 (today)

- 10:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 24

- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House
- 5:15 P.M. Bible Study @ Office Conference Room

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional/Prayer Group @ Office Sunroom
- 6:00 P.M. Palm Sunday Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

Sunday, March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday

- 10:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 A.M. Palm Procession Parade (Lawn to Sanctuary)
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary

Serving in Worship

Liturgist

Mike Handyside

Acolytes

Elliott & Everett Snyder

Livestream

Keith & Robin Ellison

Greg & Sue Smith

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Debbie Lewis, Administrator for Ministry Support
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Bryant Hand, Organist
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Our Session

+Elder on Call

Class of 2026:

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