

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Sandra Eithun

Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH #130

Prayer of Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. Through this Lenten season we confess that fear often ties us in knots, tightening our hearts until we cling to control instead of trusting in God's grace.

Faithful God, we confess that change and loss unsettle us. When the world shifts, it unmoors us. We grieve what we knew, and we struggle to trust what we cannot yet see. We seek false security instead of trusting your guidance when the way forward is unclear.

As we untie our knots - the ones in our hands, or the tension in our bodies, we are invited to loosen the fear that comes with uncertainty, loss, and change.

As we tie the orange bead where the knot used to be, or as we continue to release the tension in our body, we continue to pray:

God of love, loosen what binds us. Teach us your story of love. Help us to trust in your enduring presence, as we move into an unknown and different future.

silence for prayer

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God has not abandoned what God has begun.

Even in uncertainty, love remains present, faithful, and building God's kingdom.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Andrew Aryeetey,
Raphael Aryeetey Jr.

Liturgists - Christine Shungu, Curt Hillegas

Reader - Raphael Aryeetey Jr.

Musicians - Intergenerational Choir,
Julia Potts, Scott Collins, Julia Hanna

Ushers - Lou Davelman, Reggie Cann,
Paul Manulik, Momo Wolapaye, Phil Doren

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN
TO HONOR THE LOVING MEMORY OF OUR
MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER
CECILIA ADJEI**



**BY HARRIET, RAPHAEL, ANDREW,
RAPHAEL JR. AND ARIANNA ARYEETAY**

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Shelton
Julia Potts, soloist Scott Collins, saxophone

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

Scripture Reading Ezra 3:10-13 (p. 403)
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Fear Not. . . God is Still Here Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayers of the People

Offertory Prélude in D Blumenfeld

Holy Communion UMH #13

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn From All That Dwells Below the Skies UMH #101

Benediction

Postlude Allegro assai e lusingando from Sonatina in C Kabalevsky

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our country and the divisiveness caused by political discourse.

Prayers for our country's leaders to choose pathways of peace and not war or violence. Prayers for our community members to come together and provide support for those who may be at risk, financially, physically, socially, or otherwise.

Prayers for those around the world experiencing war, hardship, food insecurity, and famine. May we share what we have in plenty.

Prayers for those being targeted in our community and nationwide.

Prayers for people in all places in war.

Prayers for the Houston family at the passing of nephew David, for Faith Robinson and Michelle Vineyard who are experiencing health struggles, for Michele Tuck-Ponder recovering from a knee replacement and Carol Kuhlthau who is having a knee replaced tomorrow.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonne.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler at tyler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN A SEASONAL LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Join Isaac Shin for a Lenten small group on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 at 7 pm. The small group will follow the Lenten theme "Fear Not!" and invite you more deeply into scripture and discussion with others. Reach out to isaac@princetonumc.org if you'd like to join the group or if you'd like more information.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

A Special Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 11:30a.m. for the purpose of electing officers to the Leadership Board, Discipleship Board, and Nominations and Lay Leadership team. Join in person or via zoom.

NOT IN OUR TOWN PRINCETON

Join "Continuing Conversations on Race and White Privilege" next Monday, March 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Not in Our Town Princeton has a signup link for the virtual program at notprinceton.org/event. The topic: Educational Equity in New Jersey and Beyond.

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

UMCOR Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs.

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