

SONG OF RESPONSE: “Rock of Ages” (words: Augustus Toplady 1776, music: Thomas Hastings, 1830)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

2. Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

LORD’S SUPPER

*The Lord’s Supper is for all who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, have been baptized, and are a part of any Bible-believing church.*

*NOTE: All of our bread is Gluten Free. The dark drink is wine, and the light drink is grape juice.*

SENDING SONG: “Be Thou My Vision” (ancient Irish poem, ca. 8<sup>th</sup> century)

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

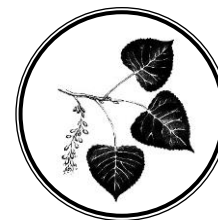
3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

4. High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Community Groups:** If you’d like more information about any of our Community Groups, contact any of the folks below for details.  
NORTH: Tuesdays, 7:30pm, contact Caleb Walin  
SOUTHEAST: Two Sundays per month, contact Debbie Donahoe  
SOUTHWEST: Thurs, 7:00pm, contact Gregg Russell  
WEST: Sundays, contact Damon Woods
- **Good Friday Service:** April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **Sunday School:** 9am, before worship – Classes for all ages pre-K to adult. Join us!
- **Men’s Morning Prayer:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays – 7am at the church building.



# BOISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12, 2023  
Third Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to Boise Presbyterian Church! We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. Boise Pres exists to bring the love of Christ to the heart of Boise, and regardless of where you’re coming from, we hope that this will be a place where you find rich refreshment, genuine community, honest engagement, and meaningful growth. We’re happy that you’re here!*

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 107:1–3, 43

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**All: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

SONG OF PRAISE: “Give thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)” (Words and Music: Kimbrough 2014)

1. We were wand’ring in the desert  
with our souls so starved and weak.

We were hungry for a homeland  
we did not know how to seek.

But we lifted up our voices  
to the only One who hears;

And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD  
for His love endures forever!*

*We were wandering and lost,  
and our Father brought us home,*

*To a safe dwelling place,  
to a feast of joy and laughter.*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

2. We were locked out of the garden,  
and our backs bent down with pain.

In the shadow of death’s darkness,  
we were slaves to sin and blame.

Then we cried out in our labor  
to the only One who hears,

And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

3. We were fools in our rebellion,  
with our hunger strike of pride.

We were sick and growing closer  
to the death we should have died.

Then he heard of our condition,  
and he called us by our names;

And the God of glory took away our shame.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.  
The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.  
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.  
Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Psalm 25:11 (followed by a few moments for personal, silent prayer)

**For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression...?  
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

SONG OF ASSURANCE: “Abide with Me” (words: Henry Lyte 1847, music: Smith 2007)

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| 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;<br>The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.<br>When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,<br>Help of the helpless, abide with me.                 | 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless<br>Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness<br>Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?<br>I triumph still, abide with me.                    |
| 2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;<br>And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,<br>Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,<br>On to the close Lord, abide with me.   | 5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;<br>Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.<br>Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;<br>In life, in death, Lord, abide with me. |
| 3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.<br>What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter’s power?<br>Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?<br>Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me. |  |

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS:

Levi and Ashton Detrich  
Jace Forrey  
Trenton Ribbens  
Steve and Mindi Roser  
Galen Sinkey  
David and Dawn Winter

1. *Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?*
2. *Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?*
3. *Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?*
4. *Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
5. *Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Jace Forrey

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (greet one another with the peace of Christ)

TITHES AND OFFERING

*Giving is a regular part of worship and life together as a church family. And even though we aren’t passing baskets down the row, we can still worship God by giving tithes and offerings by placing it in the offering box on the back table, by giving online at [boisepres.org/give](http://boisepres.org/give), or by mailing a check to Boise Presbyterian Church, 1185 W. Grove Street, Boise, ID 83702.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:31–39

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON: “Freedom from Guilt?”

1. Who is to condemn?
2. Christ Jesus is the one who died.