

## Welcome and Announcements

**Responsive Call to Worship:** See Lenten Liturgy insert

**Opening Hymn #193:** Out of my bondage, sorrow and night

### Prayers of Adoration and Confession (Responsive)

**L:** Gracious God, great and wonderful are your works! Your steadfast love is everlasting. Where there is darkness, you bring light. Where there is sadness, you speak words of hope. Where there is despair, you bring new possibilities. You have come among us in Christ Jesus to save us, bringing healing for the sick, and forgiveness for the sinner. In this time of worship, stir us with your Spirit, O God. Awaken our joy and reverence in our songs and our silence, in our prayers and praises, for you are our God, here and everywhere, now and always.

**P:** Merciful God, we confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted. We are careless in our relationships, focused on our own needs and desires. The news distracts us, and we put opinion above your expectations of us. Forgive us. Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within them, so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Music Ministry

### Family Focus/Children's Time

**Hymn:** As For God so loved the world (sung twice)

### Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest

this miserable food." <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### Responsive Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (NRSV)

**L:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**P:** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south

**L:** Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

**P:** They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

**L:** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

**P:** He sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.

**L:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**P:** And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

### Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit

of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

**John 3:14-21 (NRSV)**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

**Message**

**Hymn #209:** O Love that wilt not let me go

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology #79: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)**

L: God in your mercy      P: Hear our prayer

**Hymn #211:** Take up your cross

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song:** Go Now in Peace

**Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church**  
**March 10, 2024**



**Worship Leader: Annette Procnier**

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**Announcements**

- Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. Thanks to Annette for leading the service.
- Please contact Rev. Kathy (226-222-9165 or kafraser001@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit at home or in the hospital.
- Soup & Bun lunch on Wednesday March 13 from 11:30-1:00pm – proceeds to Messy Church
- Next Sunday is Soup & Sandwich after church – please bring sandwiches to share
- Youth Group is this Friday Mar 15 at Willit's Pool from 2-3pm. Permission forms are needed.

**Upcoming Services:**

- Mar. 17: Lent services led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- Mar. 24: Palm Sunday service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- Mar. 29 at 10 am: Combined Good Friday service at Lucknow P.C. led by Annette Procnier
- Mar. 31: Easter Sunday service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser – continental breakfast available from 9:30am – donations to Sleeping Children Around the World.