

MARCH 29, 2020

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES



**SECOND
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CHURCH**

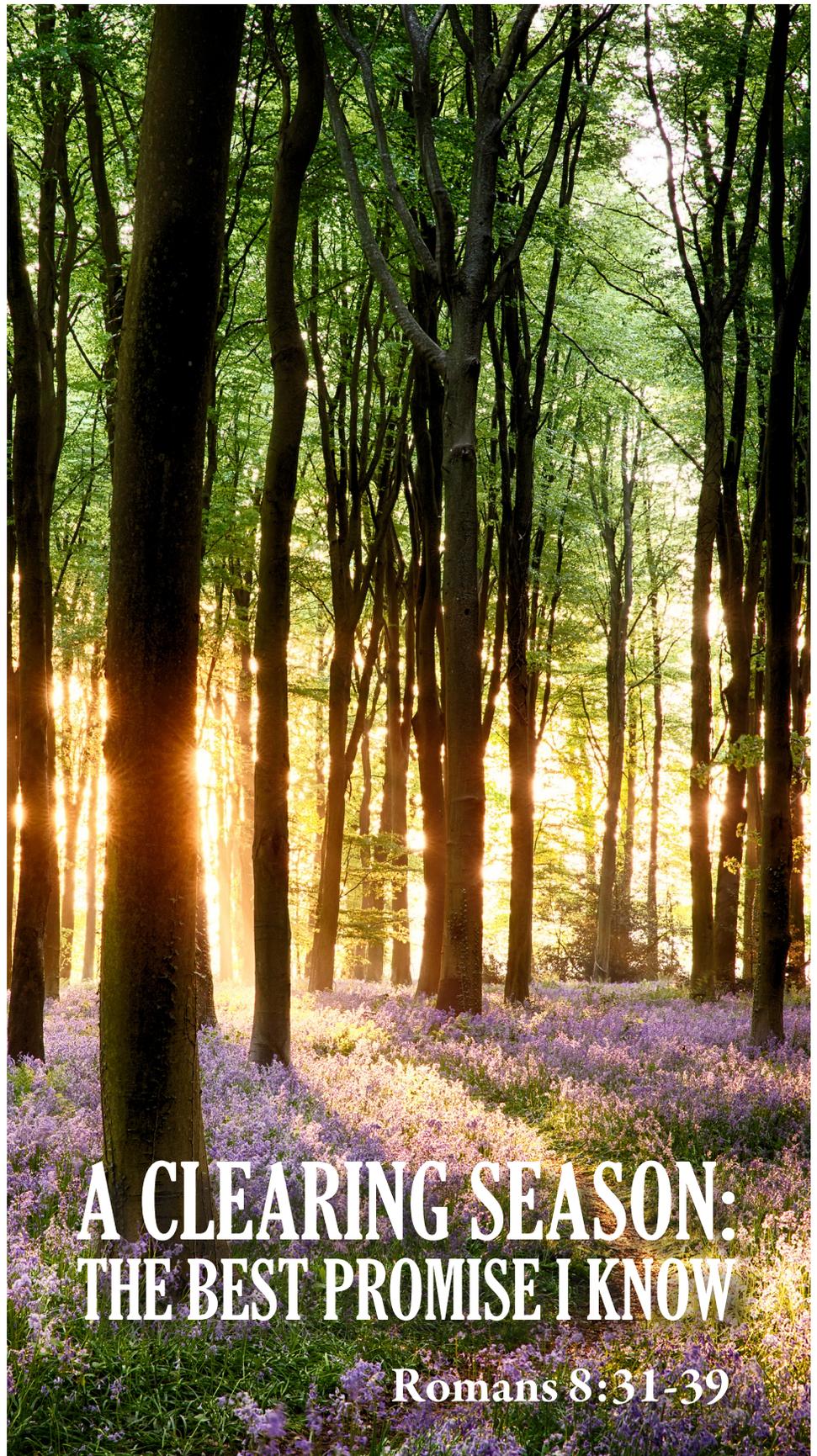
11 AM

*The promise of faith is that,
no matter what may come,
love wins. This is the gospel.
Fear not. Live faithfully. Love
courageously. Beloved, we can do
this. It's who we are.*

—Rev. Chris Henry

**Next Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday**

11 a.m. (LiveStream)
Rev. Christopher A. Henry
“A Clearing Season:
Encountering the Sacred”



**A CLEARING SEASON:
THE BEST PROMISE I KNOW**

Romans 8:31-39

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives



Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you into this new sense of sanctuary – friends joined through Livestream and on Facebook and at home on TV – we are indeed a community of faith and we are most grateful to still share in fellowship, together.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Gracie H. Payne
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Dr. David A. Chaddock
Director of CenterPoint Counseling

Dr. Michelle Louer
Pianist
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. John Allegar
Organist
Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts

March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Gottlob Werner
(1777-1822)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Call to Worship

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
At the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand:
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

—Text for v. 1-2 – Thomas Dorsey

One: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

All: God is our rock in whom we take refuge, our shield, and our stronghold.

One: We love you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

All: We turn to you when all else fails us; in your power we find our hope.

One: Let us worship the holy God.

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

Moments of Confession and Assurance

Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

(Hymn #579)

**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.**

We Experience God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon Eric Miller

First Lesson

Psalm 139:1-12

(p. 566)

Second Lesson

Romans 8:31-39

(p. 1030)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“The Best Promise I Know”

*“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, 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.”*

(ROMANS 8:38, 39)

We Give Thanks to God

Sermon Response

It Is Well With My Soul

Bliss/arr. Rogers & Price

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Question One)

Dr. David A. Chaddock

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul,
in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Call to Generosity

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.

We Go Forth to Serve

Closing Hymn #554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To god our Creator triumphantly raise:
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guilding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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(and all other days of the week!)**

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HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW**



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News Within the Church Family

Deaths:

- Forrest Magnuson
- Libby Claycombe
- Lucina Moxley
- Connie Martin

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