March 3, 2024 **3rd Sunday in Lent**

*indicates when you are invited to stand **BOLDED WORDS** are read aloud together

GATHERING

We are drawn together as God's beloved community

PRELUDE

Prelude in E

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Hold Me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.

***HYMN OF GATHERING #61**

Your Law, Oh Lord, is Perfect

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON #577

Lord, have mercy. (3x) or Kyrie eleison. (3x)

You may sing in English, Greek, or both

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

We hear the testimony of God's faithful acts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.

Chen Liang NIELSEN Rev. Jeny Carlson

Antonio Rufin

Dustin Wilsor

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Ex. 20:1-17 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Turn Thy Face From My Sins

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13-22 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Covenant of Law

*HYMN OF REFLECTION #462

I Love to Tell the Story

THE EUCHARIST

We offer ourselves in thanksgiving. With gratitude, we receive God's gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia (x5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the spoken prayer, there will be an open time of prayer for the congregation to offer a short sentence of prayer. Leader: Lord, In your mercy, Congregational refrain: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

We move out into the world by the power of the Spirit in boldness

*Hymn of Sending #767 Together We Serve

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

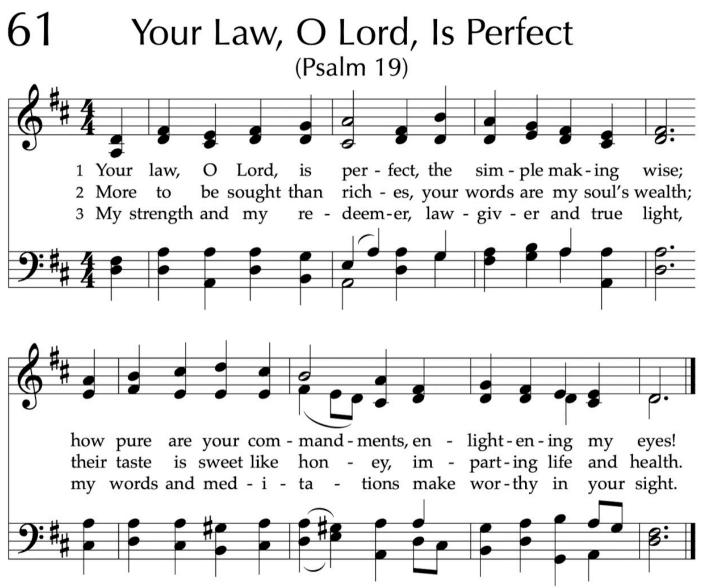
POSTLUDE *Lullaby* Chen Liang BURGMULLER

NPC Choir ATTWOOD

Rev. Jeny Carlson

Rev. Martín Jiménez

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

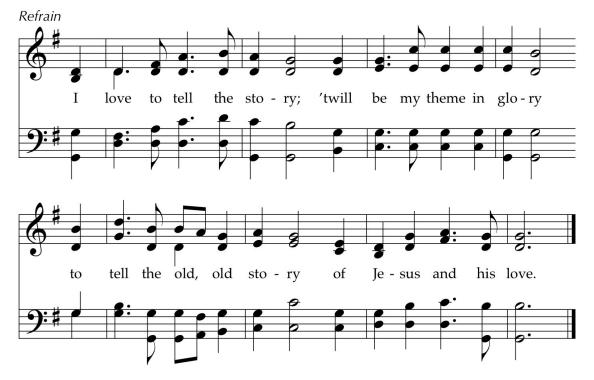


Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

THE WORD



This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.



JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.