



*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*  
**A Service of the Word**  
Hicks Memorial Chapel  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

**GATHERING**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 89*

*Leader:* We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

***People:* We declare that your steadfast love  
is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*Leader:* Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

***People:* O Lord God of hosts,  
who is as mighty as you, O Lord?  
Your faithfulness surrounds you.  
You rule the raging of the sea;  
when its waves rise, you still them.**

*Leader:* The heavens are yours,

***People:* the earth also is yours;**

*Leader:* the world and all that is in it –

***People:* you have founded them.**

*Leader:* Let us praise the Lord!

***People:* Blessed be the Lord forever!**

\*Song of Praise

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

GtG #53

\*please rise in body and/or spirit

## THE WORD

### Confession and Pardon

*Leader:* Trusting ourselves to the grace of God,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***People:* God, you are faithful, but humanity is faithless.**

**You rescue us and provide for us,  
but we trust only in ourselves.  
We construct false selves,  
masks behind which we think we can hide.  
Desperate for the validation of our false selves,  
we follow other gods:  
ancient gods of money, lust, and power.  
We put our trust in material possessions.  
We seek solace in cheap pleasures.  
We abuse authority  
and believe that might makes right.  
God, you are faithful, but humanity is faithless.  
Have mercy on us, O God.**

### *Silent Reflection*

*Leader:* Our gracious God assures us:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”  
Friends, believe the Good News:  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song of Assurance

*Do Not Be Afraid*

GtG #76

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:6-11  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Clothes Make the Man*

The Lord's Prayer

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

GtG #684

\*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*A sign of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.*

## Leaders in Worship

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