

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

*May God's wisdom slip into our minds.
May God's grace move into our hearts.
May God's justice take over our actions.
May God's peace govern our relationships.
May the ways of God become our ways.*

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this time of worship in reverent awe.
The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Know the presence and power of the Living God.
**God comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume,
a revelation bringing warmth and vitality**

We have known God throughout our history.
**Yet there is so much of God we do not know.
God's purposes are so far beyond our understanding.**

Now in these moments, let us be open to the unexpected.

**Come, Holy Spirit, that we may respond.
Discipline and cultivate us, that our lives may bear fruit.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Most Holy God, we do not take off our shoes for worship,
nor do we set you apart in a holy of holies visited only by pr
fill, we come to you with awe and wonder,
aware of the mystery of life,
reverent before your holy love and power.
Sharpen our awareness of the sacred.
Startle us with the joy of discipleship.
Strengthen us to accept the cost of following Jesus Chris
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Old Rugged Cross

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

Pastor Kelly

CALL TO CONFESSION
+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION
see insert

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Martin

**In this Lenten season, O God,
we come before you asking for courage to open our eyes.
We want to see ourselves as you see us:
the empty and barren places,
the half-hearted struggles,
the faint stirrings of new life.
We come, trusting your grace,
waiting for your illuminating word,
longing for your healing light.
Do not let us be blind to your presence.
Shine upon us, O God,
and make our paths clear,
for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond

†THE PEACE

The peace and love of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22

SERMON “A FINE AND LONG TRADITION!”

Responding to THE WORD

†HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one true and living God.
We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve and love.
We acknowledge no other God.
We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.
We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.
We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.
We praise and enjoy God.
To worship God is highest joy.
To serve God is perfect freedom.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(using “sins ...”)*

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Pastor Kelly

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Hymn 416

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loon

A Declaration of Faith

†DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

†HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This*

†BENEDICTION

†SENDING SONG *Amen*

†POSTLUDE Dr. Kit Loon