



Palo Duro Presbytery
Order for the Worship of God
February 2, 2024, via Zoom

(Have your Communion Service ready at your screen.)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 102:18-28

The Leader: Let this be recorded for the generations to come, that a people yet to be created will praise the Lord. For he looked down from his holy height of his sanctuary, from heaven the Lord gazed on the earth, to hear the sighing of the prisoner, to set free those who were doomed to death, so that people may declare the name of the Lord in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem, when the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

The Body of Christ: He has exhausted my strength humbling me with sorrow in the way; he has shortened my days. I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; your years are eternal throughout all generations.

The Leader: At the beginning you founded the earth; the heavens are the work of your hands. Even they will perish, but you endure; yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. Like clothing, you will change them and they shall be changed.

The Body of Christ: But you remain the same, and your years will never end. The children of your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before you.

CALL TO CONFESSION: You are our God. It is stark at how many ways we find to doubt your power and ability to do actual miracles in our lives. In other situations, we doubt that your methods and solutions are the best ways. We take advantage of what you have blessed us with ways that hurt us and hurt one another. We need a Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. And by the power of the Spirit at work within us, we are continually transformed into faithful and mature disciples of Christ on earth as it is in heaven.

“In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.”

GLORIA PATRI read aloud this evening.

SILENT REFLECTION AND INSTRUMENTAL:

“How Great Thou Art” with Elder Melissa Lowe

SERMON:

“A Still More Excellent Way” with the Reverend Doctor James Kirk, National Disaster Response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:4-5 *“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...”*

FIRST TESTAMENT: Isaiah 11:1-9

SECOND TESTAMENT: Luke 18:35-43

OFFERING followed by a reading of THE DOXOLOGY:

Designated Giving for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Your offering (payable to Palo Duro Presbytery with PDA noted in the memo) may be mailed to Palo Duro Presbytery, P.O. Box 16267, Lubbock, TX 79490 or given through PayPal.

CHRIST’S TABLE OFFERED TO ALL

PASTORAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Photo and reflection: Photo taken by the Reverend Janell Blair, First Presbyterian Church, Borger. It beautifully shows the shadows of the Upper Comanche Trail in Palo Duro Canyon State Park in December, peering between two boulders across the canyon floor. Isaiah 11:9 reads, *“They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.”*