

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church

WELCOME

Order of Worship

Traditional Service - March 10, 2024

**Congregation is asked to stand if able*

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Joseph Martin

Celebration of Community

Introit

#219 *Surely the Presence*

***Call to Worship**

One: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**ALL: We are new creations;
the old has gone, the
new has come!**

One: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**ALL: Through us and through our worship may
we announce the good news to all.**

Call to Worship - Our liturgy begins by acknowledging God as God. We begin with a "Call to Worship," a responsive reading often from a psalm. With this we focus our minds and hearts on our shared work of worship.

***Opening Hymn**

#90 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Prayer of Confession

based on Psalm 103

Prayer of Confession -
Each Sunday we have a corporate confession of sins and hear an assurance of pardon. We strive to use the form of confession sincerely, acknowledging our brokenness—in thought, word and deed—and to receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ in thankfulness.

Assurance of Pardon -
We hear a reminder from Scripture that Jesus Christ has addressed the reality of sin through His life, death, resurrection and ascension.

Passing of the Peace-
This is an ancient greeting of brothers and sisters in Christ. After we have reflected and entered into God's presence, we greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. As you are able, greet those around you with a kind word.

Lord's Supper -
As Christ demonstrated in the Lord's Supper, we enter into communion with Him when we share the bread and the cup of communion. We believe the Holy Spirit uses this sacrament to unite us to Jesus in a special way.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

from Matthew 1:28-30, NRSV

One: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

***Gloria Patri**

#813 Glory Be to the Father

Choir Anthem (11am)

Grace by Carolyn Hamlin

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn**

#554 Give Me Jesus

Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

by Stan Pethel

***Doxology**

#815 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Blessing & Prayer

Message

Basic Training - Psalm 1

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer after Lord's Supper

ALL: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn**

#647 Pure and Holy

***Invitation & Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn**

#647 Pure and Holy (Refrain)

Announcements

LET'S GLOW

Saturday, March 23
9am-Noon

The Hunt is On!

Prepare your Easter baskets! We're going to have a blast navigating through glow-in-the-dark obstacles in search of eggs, jumping on inflatables, playing games and sharing delicious snacks. Everyone is welcome.

Sign up to volunteer:



Student Sunday

One Service Sunday
Sunday, March 17
10am, Sanctuary

Student Sunday is a tradition at Saxe Gotha. Each year our students lead us in worship, the liturgy and teaching. This wonderful service helps demonstrate the remarkable faith of our students and celebrate their growth at Saxe Gotha.

Bring your family and invite your friends for this incredible service.

Sunday School will begin at 9am.

Celebrate Easter at Saxe Gotha

We have a lot of exciting services planned for Holy Week. Make sure to Save the Date on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Maundy Thursday - A Service and a Small Meal:
Thursday, March 28, 7pm, LH Auditorium

Good Friday - Cantata:
Friday, March 29, 7pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service:
Sunday, March 31, 6:30am, In front of Bell Tower

Easter Sunday - Easter Services:
Sunday, March 31, 8:30am, Sanctuary (Traditional)
Sunday, March 31, 10:45am, LH Auditorium (AWE)
Sunday, March 31, 11am, Sanctuary (Traditional)

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