Mission Presbytery Third Sunday Worship Template

***Welcome & Gathering***

***Call to Worship***

One: God is great and greatly to be praised.

**All: We praise the great and awesome name of God.**

One: Our God is a lover of justice, who executes justice and righteousness.

**All: Holy is our God!**

***Hymn***

PH 263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Or*

***Hymn***

GTG 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***Prayer of Confession* (In Unison)**

**Holy God, our ruler and deliverer:  
you have loved us and put faith in us,  
and we have disappointed you.  
We have forgotten your good works on our behalf and failed to trust your promises.  
Our world shows little evidence  
of the justice and righteousness you love;  
our governments are corrupt  
and our economies brutal.  
We do not honor you with our lives.  
O Lord, be gracious, and show mercy to us.  
Lead us and sustain us by your presence,  
that we may know you and find favor in your sight.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness***

(2 Cor. 3:17-18)

Now the Lord is the Spirit,   
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces,

seeing the glory of the Lord

as though reflected in a mirror,

are being transformed into the same image

from one degree of glory to another;

for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

***The Word***

***Prayer for Illumination***

(Based on Eph. 1:17-19)

Holy and gracious God,

may your Holy Spirit give us

a spirit of wisdom and revelation,

so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,

we may know the hope to which Christ has called us,

the riches of his glorious inheritance among us,

and the greatness of his power for those who believe.

Amen.

***Scripture***

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV)

***Sermon***

*True Value*

(Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary)

***Responding***

***Lord’s Prayer***

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

***Hymn***

PH 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Or*

***Hymn***

GTG 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Sending***

***Blessing and Charge***

(1 Cor. 16:22-24; 1 Pet. 3:10-12)

Come, Lord Jesus Christ!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.  
May love be with all of you

in Christ Jesus.

Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and God’s ears are open to their prayer.

Amen.