

Lenten Vespers at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to remain seated throughout the service.

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

O God of life,
Do not darken your light to us.

O God of life,
Do not close your joy to us.

O God of life,
Do not shut your door to us.

O God of life,
Do not refuse your mercy to us.

O God of life,
Crown us with your grace and gladness.

Opening Song 90

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Prayer (unison)

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Stay with us for the day is ending. With friend, with stranger, with young and with old, be among us tonight. Come close to us that we may come close to you. Forgive us that we may forgive one another. Renew us so that, where we have failed, we may begin again. Amen.

A Reading from Scripture

Psalm 143

Silent Reflection

A Reading from *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day* by Kate Bowler

A Blessing Prayer

Closing Song 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Benediction

Postlude