

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

17 March 2024

Worship will begin promptly at 11:00am.

*We invite you to listen for the Chiming of the Hour & the Prelude
to attune yourself to God's Spirit for this time of worship to come.*

Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour

Prelude & Processional

"What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. Raymond H. Haan

Dr. Hanna Lee, cello

Welcome & Greeting

Opening Words

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Those who believe in Christ will never die.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Keep pressing on toward the goal:

the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ.

✠ Gathering Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

GtG 286

Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. When you have called us to speak, we have been silent. When we are called to act, we have been idle.

Renew us with your Holy Spirit, that we may return to the commission you have placed into our lives and follow your commands to proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

✠ Gloria Patri

GtG 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Roscoe West and Thomas Howell

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 11.17-27

NT / CT p.105

Sermon

Responding to God's Love

Prayers of the People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Stewardship Offering with Pennies for Hunger Collection

Musical Proclamation "Restore in Us, O God" &

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Dr. Hanna Lee, cello

Ms. Gay Tatman, flute

✦ Doxology

GtG 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ Affirmation of Faith, "The Apostle's Creed"

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Departing into the Community to Serve

✦ Departing Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

GtG 735

✦ Charge & Benediction

✦ Postlude

"Christe" from *Messe du deuxième ton*

André Raison

Announcements

- Our brief mission statement: "Loving and serving through Jesus Christ."
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold**. OT / HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT / CT refers to the New / Christian Testament.
- Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God and to honor the baptisms of Roscoe West Goforth and Thomas Howell Goforth by Grandparents, Jill & Julian West.
- We are grateful for today's proclamation by our sister in faith, the Rev. Lynn Kunkle.
- Following worship, we will hold a brief congregational meeting to elect the Nominating Committee. The slate is Session: Catherine Baker, Joanne Dodick, & Scott Stevenson and Congregational Reps: Caroline Ciampanella, Susan Hollingsworth, Jonna Sears, and Thomas Tuck.
- Thank you to those that came out for our Church wide clean up on Saturday, 16 March.
- Next week is our final week to collect for the Missions Committee March Madness Canned Food Drive to benefit ICM.
- Palm Sunday Lunch will be served following Sunday Worship, next week. An Easter Egg Hunt for the Children will follow.
- We will continue to collect plastic eggs & candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your donations outside the office.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will be held 20 March. Serving will begin at 5:00pm. Kitchen Team 5 will assist. The menu will be Tacos for Tombstones benefitting the Historic Cemeteries Committee to offset expenses for supplies and expenses for the work they do.
- The FPC Piecemakers are gathering each Wednesday, 9:30am until late afternoon. Currently, they are working on Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer patients in Hospice Care. No sewing skills are required as there will plenty other ways to help with this mission project.
- PW Circle 3 will meet Anne Herschler's home: 304 Oakhurst Road, Tuesday, March, 6:00pm.
- **Music Notes**
Today's Prelude & Processional is an arrangement for cello and organ of the hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This*. The beloved American hymn was published in 1835 in *Southern Harmony, and Musical Companion*, a shape note hymn and tune book. Its text is perfect for a Lenten hymn, as it speaks of Christ's wondrous love as manifested by his sacrifice for us. The arrangement, by Raymond Haan (b. 1938), features a meditative treatment of the tune, with the cello playing fragments of the melody and the organ answering or accompanying them with ethereal-sounding harmonies.

The Postlude & Recessional is the "Christe" movement from an 18th Century organ mass. Thile the composer, André Raison, was a contemporary of J. S. Bach, French organ music of the day sounded much different than that of northern Germany. French organs of that time did not have a full pedalboard, so the pedals could not play complex independent lines. Also, organ music was mostly the music of the church. Organ masses were used to enhance Catholic church services (masses), but they were still influenced by the prevailing musical styles of the time, particularly the French love of rhythms derived from types of dances.

This Week at the Church

Sunday **17** 9:45am Sunday School
March 11:00am Sunday Worship w/ Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc)
12:15pm Congregational Meeting (Sanc)
12:15pm Living in Faith Birthday Luncheon (4CMH)
12:45pm Finance & Stewardship Committee (FR)
4:00pm Christian Education Committee (FR)
5:00pm Youth Activities (MR/YR)

Monday **18** 6:00pm Building Usage Sub Committee (FR)
March

Tuesday **19** 10:00am Chair Yoga (4CMH)
March 12:00pm FCJ Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm PW Circle 3 - Home of Anne Herschler

Wednesday **20** 9:30am FPC Piecemakers (YR)
March 10:30am Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)
4:00pm Children's Choir (MR)
5:00pm Wonderful Wednesday (4CMH)
6:00pm Bible/Book Study (HR)
6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanc)
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanc)

Thursday **21** 6:30pm Session Meeting (HR)
March

Saturday **23** 9:00am Table of Reconciliation Gathering (FR)
March

Sunday **24** 9:45am Sunday School
March 11:00am Sunday Worship w/Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc)
12:15pm Palm Sunday Lunch (4CMH) followed by Easter Egg Hunt
5:00pm Youth Activities (MR/YR)

We Pray for...

Becky Dickerson, Mary Neely, Roany Thomas, Kirky Kirkman, Ann Speaks, George Caudle, Ruby F. (George's Sister), Suzanne S. (Health), John F., Gene W., Mary S., & Alf F.

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