

March 5, 2023: 9:00 am  
Second Sunday of Lent

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude “Aurelia”**

arr. by Gerhard Krapf

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Sam P.*

There is so much we do not understand, so many mysteries in this life of faith. But some things are certain.

**We know that our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God is our keeper and our shade. Let us lift ourselves up, body and soul, to worship God.**

#### **\*Prayer**

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

**Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross,  
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG 321 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

*Carol Wetzel, Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

This is the proof of God’s great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Confident in God’s love, let us boldly yet penitently confess our sins to God and one another.

**\*Confession**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. People of God, know that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Responding to God’s Grace**

We respond to God’s grace by living what the church has come to know:

Q – What is our only comfort, in life and in death?

**A – That we belong, body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has**

**completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our God in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit God's purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by God's Holy Spirit, God also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God alone.**

*(The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563, Q 1, Alt.)*

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson** Numbers 21:4-9

**New Testament Lesson** John 3:1-17

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Special Music** "A Mighty Fortress"

*Handbell Choir*

**Sermon** "The Cure for Snakebite!"

*Rev. Ken Locke*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn GTG 507** "Come to the Table of Grace" (Remain seated)

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and our joy  
to give you thanks and praise, O God,  
creator and sustainer of the universe.

**We give you thanks  
for sun and clouds, for rain and snow,  
for phases of the moon, for stars at night,  
and planets in their courses.  
All you make is very good.**

For the universe we praise you,  
**we worship and adore you.**

**We give you thanks  
for our creation and our calling,  
for friendship and community,  
for love and laughter,  
for tears and pain of growth.**

For your gift of life we praise you,  
**we worship and adore you.**

We give you thanks with those who went before us,  
with saints and martyrs,  
evangelists and prophets.

With all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
from every culture, land and tongue,  
we praise you, giving voice to every creature,  
as we join the never ending hymn:

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly ho - ly are you  
God who sh - ows the way.  
Cre - a - tion joins in prai - ses to you.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC (LAND OF REST): American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984; adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund; arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

2. Bles - sed is the One  
Who knows your mind.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ,  
who came among us as a servant and a friend  
to reconcile us to yourself.

**We thank you for that life of love,  
the good news of your reign,  
and the promise of a banquet  
where all your children shall be free.**

For your gift of Christ we praise you  
**we worship and adore you.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,  
because on the night before he died,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you;  
do this as often as you drink it  
to remember me.

For new life in Christ we praise you,  
**we worship and adore you.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,  
we ask you to accept  
this our sacrifice of praise.

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and our celebration,  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son  
and be filled with your life and goodness.**

**Strengthen us to do your work,  
and to be your body in the world.  
Unite us in Christ  
and give us your peace.**

**For the peace of Christ we praise you,  
we worship and adore you.**

**Through Christ our Redeemer,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
we worship you, O God,  
in songs of everlasting praise.**

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The 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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**Minute for Mission "Souper Bowl of Caring"**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Offering "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*Handbell Choir*

**\*Offertory PH 592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn GTG 340 “This Is My Song”**

*The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20<sup>th</sup> century’s two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord’s prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Refrain GTG 542 “God Be with you Till We Meet Again”**

vs. 1

**Postlude “Jesu, Meine Freude”**  
*Jesu, Priceless Treasure*

*J.S. Bach*

***(Lent is many things, but chief among them, is that Lent is a time for prayer. We invite you to stop at the table in the narthex to light a candle and offer a prayer to God – for those who live in darkness of Spirit, for the eternal light of God’s love, and for your witness during these forty days.)***

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## **This Week at Church**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03.05 Second Sunday in Lent</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections Adults - Lenten Book Study – Parlor (Hybrid) Children/Youth – Gathering Room
11:30-12:30pm	Lenten Lunches
11:30-1:00pm PYA	
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 702 Committee Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03.06</b>
10:00-11:00am	Staff Meeting
1:00-2:30pm	Deacons Meeting
7:00-9:00pm	PNC
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03.07</b>
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03.08</b>
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast
10:15-11:30am	Lenten Book Study
4:30-5:30pm	Hand Bell Practice
5:30-7:30pm	Women in Faith
7:30-8:30pm	Worship Team
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03.09</b>
10:45-11:45am	Loving Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03.11</b>
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03.12 Third Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b>
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**Looking Ahead**

Feed My Starving Children	April 1
Palm Sunday	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 9
Train Show	April 15-16

**PRAYERS**

Brian C.	Jerry and Mary H.
Gary G.	Chastity G. and Joan S.
Pat D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Gib D.	Lynn K. *
Arnold L.	Carol W. **
Pauline W.	Mike Frize
Jesse F.	Sheryl Brown
Silas W.	Wendy Johnson
Liam A.	Uncle Dick ***

\*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3. She is having surgery on Monday. Your continued prayers are appreciated. Lynn is a friend of Laurie C.

\*\* Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.

\*\*\*Uncle Dick is recovering from a serious illness. He is Laurie C.’s uncle.

**E-Giving**

Consider giving electronically. It’s easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org). Click on ‘Giving’. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God’s work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

**Weekly Statistics**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
FEBRUARY 26,2023	<b>73</b>	\$1,561.50	OFFERINGS/TITHES
FEBRUARY 26,2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
02/20--02/24/23		\$670.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
02/20--02/24/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$2,231.50</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$48,451.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
2/26/2023	<b>05 Households</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 02/19/2023



## Easter Flower Order Form

Easter flowers will be ordered to beautify our sanctuary.  
Your order form and money must be in the office by **March 12**.  
The flower order will be placed on March 13.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

In CELEBRATION of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \$16.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Chrysanthemum Daisy \$16.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    I will be picking up my flowers  
after church, April 9, 2023.

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### Office

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check \_\_\_\_\_ Pick Up:    Y    N