

March 19, 2023; 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Lent

We Gather Together

Prelude “Fantasy-Prelude on Amazing Grace” *Charles Callahan*

*(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** *Sara Stowell*

We come to sanctify ourselves.

We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

The Lord looks not at our outward selves but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord, that we might live as children of the Most High. As children eager to please, let us worship our God together.

***Prayer**

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the World.

As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn PH 340** “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

Linda Dorn, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

How do we know when our actions are right?

When the fruits of our labors are good and true.

Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden,
but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment.

Therefore, we hold up our sins to Christ's loving gaze.

***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**

Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Beloved, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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:

We believe and teach that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, was predestinated or foreordained from eternity by the Father to be the Savior of the world. And we believe that he was born, not only when he assumed flesh of the Virgin Mary, and not only before the foundation of the world was laid, but by the Father before all eternity in an inexpressible manner.

We acknowledge two natures or substances, the divine and the human, in one and the same Jesus Christ our Lord. These are bound and united with one another in such a way that they are not absorbed, or confused, or mixed, but are united or joined together in one person--the properties of the natures being unimpaired and permanent.

Thus, we worship not two but one Christ the Lord. We repeat: one true God and man. With respect to his divine nature, he is of the same substance as the Father, and with respect to the human nature he is of the same substance as us, and like us in all things, sin excepted. (*The Second Helvetic Confession, 1561, chapter 11, adapt.*)

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture Lesson John 9:1-41

Children's Time

***Hymn PH 280 "Amazing Grace" (vs 1, 2, 5)**

Sermon "Take Off Your Sunglasses!"

We Respond to God's Word

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.

Offering Improvisation on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(middle section only) *Paul Manz*

***Offertory PH 592 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 192 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

Charge and Benediction

***Closing Refrain GTG 542 “God Be with you Till We Meet Again”**
vs. 1

Postlude “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *arr. by John Carter*

Lent is, among many other things, an opportunity to check our spiritual eyes. How clearly do we see God’s world? How clearly do we see ourselves? Are we, perhaps, afraid to look at ourselves too closely? On your way out, we urge you to stop and light a candle of prayer for those whose spiritual vision is dim. Perhaps say a prayer for someone, or yourself, asking that God’s love will open their eyes to what they are doing both well and poorly.

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PRAYERS

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Pat D.	Chastity G. and Joan S.
Gib D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Arnold L.	Lynn K. *
Pauline W.	Carol W. **
Jesse F.	Sheryl Brown
Silas W.	Uncle Dick***

*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

** 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

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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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
MARCH 12, 2023	73 IN THE PEWS	\$2,031.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
MARCH 12, 2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
03/06--03/10/23		\$551.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
03/06--03/10/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$2,582.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$48,451.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
3/12/2023	11 Households		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 03/12/2023

This Week at Church

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15

10:15-11:15am

11:30-12:30pm

12:00-1:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

03.19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship

Pastor Ken will lead us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections

Adults - Lenten Book Study – Parlor (Hybrid)

Children/Youth – Gathering Room

Lenten Lunches

PYA

Boy Scouts Troop 702

Monday

10:00-11:00am

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Staff Meeting

PNC Meeting

Session (Hybrid)

Tuesday

9:00am-3:30pm

03.21

FDL Quilters

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

10:15-11:15am

4:30-5:30pm

7:00-8:00pm

03.22

Men's Breakfast

Lenten Book Study

Hand Bell Practice

Confirmation

Thursday

9:00-11:00am

10:00am-2:00pm

03.23

Finance Team

Presbytery Meeting

Friday

8:00pm-8:00am

3.24

Boy Scout Troop 702 Lock in

Saturday

9:00-12:00pm

9:00am-3:00pm

03.25

Table Tennis

Sunset Stitches

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15am

10:15-11:15am

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Lenten Lunches

AA Planning Meeting

PYA - Roller Skating

Boy Scout Troop 702

Looking Ahead

Warming Shelter Meal

Feed My Starving Children

Palm Sunday / Fishing Derby

Easter Sunday

Train Show

March 30

April 1

April 2

April 9

April 15-16