

March 3, 2024; 9:00 am
Third Sunday in Lent
Communion

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on the radio we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Please take this time before worship to take a breath and meditate.

BREATHE IN: "Speak Lord"

BREATHE OUT: "for your servant is listening."

Prelude: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer *arr. by Gerhard Krapf*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin*

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 19 & 1 Corinthians*) *Eddie H.*

The world finds no proof of God.

But the heavens tell of God's glory.

God's message is foolishness to the world.

But God's folly trumps human wisdom.

The freedom of the world brings us death.

But obedience to God's ways brings life.

We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!

***Sung Response: GTG 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**
vs. 1, 3, 4 *Cantor, Laurie Christie*

***Call to Confession**

We read in Hebrews 7:25, “Jesus is totally able to deliver those who approach God through him; since he is alive forever and thus forever able to intercede on their behalf.” (Complete Jewish Bible) Responding to this promise, we lift our voices before God, confessing the sin of the world.

***Prayer of Confession**

Patient Lord, **we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations.**

Silent Confession

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

Give us clean hearts and spirits. **Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rejoice and know that you are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the fullness of God’s love in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response GTG 627 “I Love You Lord”**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 19 (Common English Bible)

(page 498 in the pew Bible)

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

**It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.**

Nothing escapes its heat.

The Lord's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.

The Lord's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.

**The Lord's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.**

**The Lord's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.**

Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.

The Lord's judgments are true.

All of these are righteous!

**They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!**

**They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!**

No doubt about it:

your servant is enlightened by them;

there is great reward in keeping them.

**But can anyone know
what they've accidentally done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin
and save your servant from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me.**

Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

**Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22 (Common English Bible)

(page 93 in the pew Bible)

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*

Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “The New Temple”

Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin

***Sung Response GTG 740** “Lead Me, Guide Me”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Moment for Mission: Pave the Way Campaign

John Neville

Offering: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *arr. by Deanna Witkoswki*

***Offertory: GTG 607** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(TUNE: Doxology)

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church’s table. This is the Lord’s table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of abundant life. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You call us to follow you into places of new imagination intricately woven throughout the realm of this cosmos, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, in the seasons of life and death.

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability, and for his gentleness.

O God who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these elements taken from your creation, that this loaf and this cup may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world. We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever. AMEN.

And now, we lift our voices together, praying the prayer Jesus taught:

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

**The Bread of Life
The Cup of Salvation**

Music during communion: “As Long as I’m Here” by Brandon Heath
soloist, Laurie Christie

PRAYER OF THANKS

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming

love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Sending Song GTG 540 “Farewell, Good Friends”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Te Deum”

arr. by Paul Manz

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Time.

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March Deacon of the Month
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month
Mary Bacon

This Week at Church

Sunday	03.03.2024	Third Sunday in Lent
9:00-10:00am	Worship / Communion	
10:15	Fellowship Time	
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults• 8th-12th Grade• 4th – 7th Grade• Preschool – 3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership Class – Fellowship HallMembership Class – Fellowship HallRoom 3Room 8
11:15-12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	
6:00-7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 702 Committee Meeting (Zoom)	
Monday	03.04.2024	
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting	
1:00-2:00pm	Deacons Meeting	
3:00-4:00pm	Loving Team	
Tuesday	03.05.2024	
7:00-8:00pm	Feed My Starving Children Meeting	
Wednesday	03.06.2024	
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast	
1:00-2:30pm	Personnel Team	
4:30-5:30pm	Bell Choir	
5:30-6:30pm	Nursery Volunteer Training	
Thursday	03.07.2024	
1:00-2:00pm	Serving Team	
Saturday	03.09.2024	
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis	
Sunday	03.10.2024	Fourth Sunday in Lent
	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	
	(Turn your clocks ahead on March 9 before you go to bed.)	
9:00-10:00am	Worship	
10:15am	Fellowship Time	
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections	
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10:45-11:45am	Worship Team	
11:15am	Lenten Lunch	
11:30-12:30pm	Learning Team	
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 702	

Looking Ahead

March 17	9:00am	Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17	10:15am	Membership Classes
March 17	11:15am	Lenten Lunches
March 24	9:00am	Worship Palm Sunday Beginning of Holy Week

PRAYERS

Brian C.	*Lynn K.
Pat D.	*Ashley K.
Gib D.	*Cathie
Arnold L.	*Mike S.
Jesse F.	*Dale F.
Liam A.	*Karen & David H.
Burt M.	*Lorele C.
Marie L.	*Laura C.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	*Qualine Stock
Bob B.	*Sue, Scott, Cassie & Avery
	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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

E-Giving

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Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
25-Feb	119 IN THE SEATS	\$2,859.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$0.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
02/19--02/23/24		\$1,371.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$0.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 02/19--02/23/2024
		\$4,230.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
2/25/2024	7 HOUSEHOLDS		7-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 02/25/2024
		\$23,159.28	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY
		\$32,183.80	TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY