

March 10, 2024; 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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: "Though I May Speak"

arr. by Dale Wood

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Sara Stowell

Sin once led you into the wilderness,
where you focused only on your own survival.

**The light has come into the world,
and we have left the darkness behind.**

Sin caused you to be unhealthy, alone and distressed.

We have repented, and turned back to God.

God has given you the gift of Christ Jesus, God's son.

We accept God's gift of love, so that we might have eternal life.

Come, let us live into this new life, given freely by Jesus the Christ.

*** Opening Prayer**

Living God, as we continue our journey through this season of Lent we are reminded of the steadfast love that the psalmist wrote about. A love which would endure forever through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. A

love given not to judge but to save, causing human sinfulness to be encountered by divine compassion. Accept our praise and thanksgiving, O God, for this priceless gift of lives lived eternally with you, a gift made possible through the sacrificial love of Jesus, your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 749 "Come! Live in the Light"**

Carol Wetzel, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Sara Stowell

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." The God of Grace has come to us in mercy. Therefore, let us open our hearts before God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Sara Stowell

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We have walked away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, and tossed about. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. God of Grace, help us to admit our sin.

Silent Confession

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

Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ's name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Through the cross, death, and resurrection, God has rescued us. The Lord has forgiven us, and has given us far more than we know to ask for. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice!

***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 107:1-3, 17-22 (Common English Bible)
(page 559 in the pew Bible)

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever!"

**That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say,
the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,
the ones God gathered from various countries,
from east and west, north and south.**

Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways.
They suffered because of their wickedness.

**They had absolutely no appetite for food;
they had arrived at death's gates.**

So they cried out to the Lord in their distress,
and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.

**God gave the order and healed them;
he rescued them from their pit.**

Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love
and his wondrous works for all people.

**Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and declare what God has done in songs of joy!**

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21 (Common English Bible)
(page 94 in the pew Bible)

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in

him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

"This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: "God's Love"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

We Respond to God's Word

Officer Installation – Deacon Phyllis Munson

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Love Song" by Third Day

Pedro Arellano

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

***Offertory Prayer**

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.**

***Sending Song GTG 540 "Farewell, Good Friends"**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "The Gift of Love"

arr. by John Carter

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March Deacon of the Month
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month
Mary Bacon

This Week at Church

Sunday **03.10.2024** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections – Fellowship Hall
 • Adults Membership Class
 • 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
10:45-11:45 Worship Team
11:15am Lenten Lunch – Sloppy Joes / Mac & Cheese
11:30-12:30pm Learning Team
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Monday **03.11.2024**
10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting
2:00-3:00pm Creative Expressions

Wednesday **03.13.2024**
8:00-9:00am Men’s Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir
5:30-7:30pm Women in Faith

Thursday **03.14.2024**
1:00-2:30pm Growing Connections Planning

Friday **03.15.2024**
7:00-9:00pm Cribbage

Saturday **03.16.2024**
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis
9:00-3:00pm Sunset Stitches

Sunday **03.17.2024** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections – Fellowship Hall
 • Adults Membership Class
 • 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:15-12:30pm Lenten Lunch
11:30-12:30pm Nursery Training
1:00-2:00pm PYA - Woodlands
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Looking Ahead

March 24	One Great Hour of Sharing	
	9:00am	Worship Palm Sunday Beginning of Holy Week
	11:15am	Fishing Derby – Bring your fish banks to church.
	11:15am	Last Lenten Lunch
March 28	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 31	8:00am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	Worship Easter Sunday
	10:15am	Easter Celebration

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.

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E-Giving

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Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
3-Mar	99 IN THE SEATS	\$3,363.40	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$1,000.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
02/26--03/01/24		\$2,801.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$0.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 02/26--03/01/2024
		\$7,164.40	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
3/3/2024	6 HOUSEHOLDS		6-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 03/03/2024