

March 17, 2024; 9:00 am
Fifth 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: "Hymn of Promise"

arr. by John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jolene Schry

Welcome to the house of the Lord!

We have come bringing our pain and our joys.

God is waiting for you, to heal and comfort you.

We need the refreshing, restoring love of Christ.

We have come to fill our hearts with God's love.

Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

Give thanks to the God who makes you new.

Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.

*** Opening Prayer**

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

***Opening Response: GTG 250 "In the Bulb there is a Flower"**

Joanne Marchionda and Carol Wetzel, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Jolene Schry

If we would see Jesus, we must open our eyes to the ways we have not followed him as disciples. If we want God to create new hearts within us, we must speak of the old ways in which we continue to live. If we seek God's mercy, we must confess all that keeps us from living as God's children. Join me, as we come to the One who will forgive us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene Schry

Gracious God, **we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you.**

Silent Confession

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

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. **We long for your presence and your healing touch. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. 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 119:9-16 (Common English Bible)
(page 566 in the pew Bible)

How can young people keep their paths pure?

By guarding them according to what you've said.

I have sought you with all my heart.

Don't let me stray from any of your commandments!

I keep your word close, in my heart,

so that I won't sin against you.

You, Lord, are to be blessed!

Teach me your statutes.

I will declare out loud

all the rules you have spoken.

I rejoice in the content of your laws

as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.

I will think about your precepts

and examine all your paths.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget what you have said.

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33 (Common English Bible)
(page 106 in the pew Bible)

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and

made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

“Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Hope in Loss”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: “O Christ the Same”

(Irish Tune: Londonderry Air/O Danny Boy)

We Respond to God's Word

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: "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

Joanne Marchionda and Carol Wetzel

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Moment for Mission FDL High School Hygiene Drive Blessing

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: "O Danny Boy"

arr. by John Barnard

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*Qualine Stock
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.

March Deacon of the Month
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month
Mary Bacon

This Week at Church

Sunday 03.17.2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
• 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 Nominating Team
1:00-2:00pm PYA - Woodlands
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Monday 03.18.2024

10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm Session

Wednesday 03.20.2024

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir
5:30-6:30pm Finance Team

Saturday 03.23.2024

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

Sunday 03.24.2024 Palm Sunday / One Great Hour of Sharing

9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Fishing Derby / One Great Hour of Sharing
10:45-11:45 Worship Team
11:15am Last Lenten Lunch
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Looking Ahead

March 28	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29		Good Friday Services
	Noon	Church of Our Savior 63 S. Main St., FDL
	6:30pm	Church of Our Savior 63 S. Main St., FDL
	7:00pm	Church of Peace 158 S. Military Rd., FDL
March 31	8:00am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	Worship Easter Sunday
	10:15am	Easter Celebration
April 6	All Day	Feed My Starving Children

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website 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.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
10-Mar	## IN THE SEATS	\$2,961.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$2,100.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
03/04--03/08/2024		\$1,409.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$600.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 03/04--03/08/2024
		\$7,070.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
3/10/2024	3 HOUSEHOLDS		3 HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 03/10/2024