

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

PRELUDES

It Is Well With My Soul
Wondrous Love

Rex Koury
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #71

Surely, It is God Who Saves Me
(refrain)

First Song

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 43)

One: Thus says the Lord: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it?

All: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

One: For I give waters in the desert to give drink to my chosen people,

All: So that they might declare my praise.

***OPENING SONG #705**

You Are Holy
(refrain)

You Are Holy

You are holy; you are mighty; you are worthy, worthy of praise. I will follow; I will listen; I will love you all of my days.

(voice 1)

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

(voice 2)

You are the Lord of lords; you are King of kings; you are mighty God, Lord of everything. You're Emmanuel; you're the great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb. You're the living God; you're my saving grace; you will reign forever; you are Ancient of Days. You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

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CALL TO CONFESSION (from Jeremiah 31:33)

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” We are God’s people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God’s paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we look for the easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are unwilling to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer to us the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what has been, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

One: Friends, hear this good news! God forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more, yet calls us to humble service and sacrifice. Proclaim God’s great mercy with me: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #205

Live in Charity (sing twice)

Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Lord, teach us to love and serve you faithfully and reconcile us to you and one another as members of one living body. People of God, may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word and minister to us with your Holy Spirit so that, in this Lenten season, we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 126*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Destined For a Throne

Borchardt & Pethel

Soloists: Beth Krause & Brenda Wahl

*Please stand as you are able.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:10-21

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

SERMON

"Betraying"

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

UNISON ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE (from John 10)

All: God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return, for in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life. Amen.

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

He Came Down

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SENDING SONG #796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
(verse 1)

Land of Rest

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

(verse 2)

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 4)

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

(verse 5)

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

Go With Us Lord

Cathay

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

Lani Smith

*Please stand as you are able.

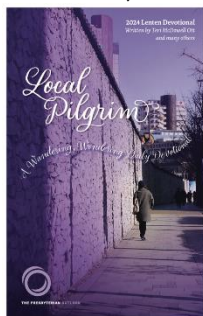
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn & Dave Rodenhausen in honor of family birthdays.

Local Pilgrim - Lenten Daily Devotional Booklets (Available in the Narthex)



This daily Lent devotional from the *Presbyterian Outlook* invites you to explore and observe new and familiar places in your community. What will God reveal to you when you pause, ponder, and reflect?

In the *Local Pilgrim*, *Outlook* Editor/Publisher, Teri McDowell Ott, and other writers explore what God might reveal to us if we intentionally explore our communities. Who do we see? What do we hear? God reveals God's self when we look.

Lent is the perfect season for a pilgrimage such as this, leading to meaningful contemplation and sacred discoveries. As you make your way through this devotional, you might find yourself inspired to go somewhere new; or somewhere familiar to pause, ponder, and pray. What will God unveil? Join us on your local pilgrimage to new and familiar places in your community.

Each daily reflection, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, will combine personal reflection, Scripture, and prayer. May God bless you and keep you on your Lenten journey.

Local Pilgrim Lenten Photo Journal Project

We want to know: what is God revealing to you during this season of Lent? Where have you been led to go, and what have you seen there?

Each Sunday in worship during the season of Lent, we will be sharing some of your *Local Pilgrim* photos during the time for offering. Please email your

pictures (with permission from any individual that might be in the photograph) to johnawahl@yahoo.com; so that they can be compiled and shared with one another.

Together, let us explore and share what God is up to in our neighborhood!

College Age / Military Care Packages



This Sunday and next (March 17 and 24), the Deacons will be collecting donations to send notes and gift cards to our college-age youth and members of the military. There will be a basket in the Narthex these two weeks, or you can contribute by regular offering, indicating: care packages.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts

Will Belew and Matt Louis – members of Valley and Scout Troop 101 in Auburn – have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to them both!

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Breakfast foods such as eggs, sausage, bacon, milk, orange juice, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, bread, english muffins, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Special Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing Now through Easter Sunday, March 31

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Special giving envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, April 12, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, April 13, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24

Celebration of the Triumphal Entry with musical fanfare at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Worship with Communion and Tenebrae at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

Outdoor Stations of the Cross, Chagrin Falls Triangle Park at noon

Easter Sunday, March 31

Resurrection Day Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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