

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Praise the Lord with trumpets, loud sounding trumpets,**

People: **praise Him with cymbals and with song,**

Leader: **let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord, as we embrace the spring and look towards the rebirth of the flowers and trees, let us look to our rebirth in Christ Jesus. With joy we embrace the days You have given us and celebrate them in awe of the wonder and majesty that is Your creation. Hear our praises as we enter into this time of worship, O Lord, our redeemer. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No 385 "*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*" OLD HUNDREDTH

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Omnipotent God, who knows every hair on our head, forgive our sins, both seen and unseen. We are truly repentant for our sins and desire Your grace to purge them. We are a weak and thoughtless people, yet we yearn to be more Godly. Forgive us when we cannot see beyond our own desires. Help us to find Your path for our lives, in a world of infinite choices. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say, “and all the people said”) We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, speak to me that I may speak to others with Your words. Give me ears to hear and a mind to understand Your words in the scriptures. Enlighten me so I may follow You all the days of my life. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 63:1-8, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

Leader: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

People: So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises You with joyful lips

People: when I think of You on my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night;

Leader: for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

People: My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 55:1-9 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 685-686 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-9

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM:

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 13:1-9 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 76 of the New Testament

Luke 13:1-9

13At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 435 “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*” O QUANTA QUALIA

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you a Minute for Mission

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY **And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, as thankful people we approach Your house, giving to You our gifts. We know that our gifts come from You and with a grateful heart we return a portion to You. Use our gifts and our lives for the furtherance of Your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No.792 *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* BALM IN GILEAD

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

SIGN UP SHEET FOR EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies in the Opportunity Corner. The last day to sign-up for them will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

Joan Christy

Devynne's grandmother, Doris Poteet, is still on the ventilator but is doing much better

Pope Francis is very ill

Cheryl Fernandez is going through chemo and is not doing very well

Cori Laws is not doing very well, but she is improving.

CELEBRATIONS

Joan Christy celebrated her 95th birthday and Mike and Jo came to town to surprise her