

March 10, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: From generation to generation, God has been faithful to God's people.

People: And so we will lift up our praises to God today and every day of our lives.

Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "All the Poor and Powerless" (L. Jordan & D. Leonard)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, you have called us to follow you and join in the work of the Kingdom of God. For the times when we have hesitated and given excuses rather than following you, forgive us. Empower us with your Spirit to faithfully follow you when you call. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #368 ~ *"We Fall Down"*

*We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
the greatest of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.*

And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #519 ~ *"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"* (refrain x2)

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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Offering Prayer

**Offertory #735 ~ "I Need Thee Every Hour" (refrain)*

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!

O bless me now, My Savior- I come to thee!

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 51

Special Music ~ *"The Lenten Rose"* (D. Hannibal) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 8:18-22

Message ~ "What's Your Excuse?"

*Hymn #729 ~ *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

*Hymn #643 ~ *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #743- *"O God, You Are My God"*
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Postlude

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The chancel flowers are presented today by Don & Meta Tulley
in memory of Camilla White.

Thank you to all for your generous donations to the Clean Love Project! Well done!
You are invited to join together following the worship service to enjoy lunch and
fellowship and to assist with the assembly of the 100 packets!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ~ March 2024

Repairing the Breach - Isaiah 58 - providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program @ 36% of the funds, Self-Development of People @ 32% of the funds and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance @ 32% of the funds. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. An envelope was provided in your packet.

St. Paul's Lenten Wednesdays meets each week through March 20th. Pastor Nate leads a study entitled *Immediately: A Crash Course in the Gospel of Mark*. A simple soup lunch begins at NOON followed by the study. All are invited.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in-law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis