

March 17, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: I will give you thanks with all my heart;

People: We will give thanks to your name for your constant love and truth.

Leader: When we call on you, you have answered us.

People: You have shown us your power and grace. Your love, O Lord, has been steadfast. 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, we come to you confessing our sins, those known and those unknown to us.

In your love forgive us, and show us where you are calling us to follow you.

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 ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34

Special Music ~ *“Lord, Have Mercy”* (L. Larson) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 15:1-10

Message ~ “Where Do You Need to Grow?”

\*Hymn #753 ~ *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*

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 #475 ~ *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #743- *“O God, You Are My God”*

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

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*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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Having been announced to the congregation during the service of worship on Sunday, March 10, 2024, a meeting of the congregation is called for Sunday, March 24, 2024 for the purpose of electing the nominees presented by the nominations committee for Ruling Elder, class of 2026 and a member of the Board of Trustees, class of 2025.

“Thank you, St. Paul’s, for your outpouring of love and support as I navigate this time of recovery from my January accident. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees and to Charlotte Day for taking care of the duties of keeping our building cared for in my absence. Thank you for the cards, calls, and texts of encouragement sent to both Meta

and myself – as well as for the meals sent – all so very much appreciated. I am blessed to be a member of this very caring community of faith.” With sincere gratitude, *Don*.

**From Kathy Potter...** Thank you to all who donated &/or came out last Sunday to assemble Clean Love Project kits for women & girls! We exceeded our goal of 100 kits by 2! We hope to do this project again soon. Thanks go to Steve Boyak for making this project known to us. Thanks to the VanEcks for another delicious meal!

The Mission Team has set **Tuesday, March 26** as a volunteer opportunity at **Forgotten Harvest at 15000 Eight Mile in Oak Park. Please sign up in the lobby and plan to meet promptly at 8:30AM to carpool.** The work schedule is from **9:00AM until Noon.** The task will be packing food boxes to be distributed in Detroit.

The Team has also set **Saturday, April 6** as a volunteer opportunity at **World Medical Relief at 21725 Melrose in Southfield. Please sign up in the lobby and plan to meet promptly at 8:30AM to carpool.** The work schedule is from **9:00AM until 11:00AM.** The task will be sorting medical supplies.

#### **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.

The **Detroit Lutheran Singers** will hold a concert in the sanctuary on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 7:00PM.** Tickets are \$15.00 general admission; \$10.00 for seniors and students over 12. Online at [www.detroitlutheransingers.com](http://www.detroitlutheransingers.com). All are invited.

#### **An upcoming event for women!**

**Aspire - Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. 5:00PM.**

**1 night - 3 hours - just for women.**

**An evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music.**

**Author and Bible Teacher - Heather Dixon.**

**Comedy by Amberly Neese. Music by Jaime Jamgochian.**

**Advance tickets: General Admission - \$30.00. VIP Reserved - \$40.00.**

**Group tickets for 10 or more - \$25.00. VIP Reserved Groups for 10 or more: \$35.00.**

**Group Sales: 480-812-1100. Purchase tickets at 480-812-1100 or online at**

**ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com.**

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

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

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