

March 3, 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude and Procession of the Cross and the Elements of Communion

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As we come together, the Lord our God Almighty speaks to us.

People: The voice of the Lord resounds like a trumpet announcing his glory.

Leader: The voice of the Lord speaks tenderly to us, as a mother to her child.

People: God, give us ears to hear what you are speaking to us in this place today.

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*

Jesus, you have freed us from the chains of sin and death. You have changed us and made us new creations in you. For the times that we have held onto pain, anxieties and other burdens and have not given them to you, forgive us. Help us to lay our burdens at the foot of the Cross and enter deeper into your love and grace. 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 19

Special Music ~ “*Bread of Heaven*” (P. Mock & F. Lopez) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 11:28-30

Message ~ “What’s Weighing You Down”

\*Hymn #418 ~ “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*”

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*“All Belong Here”*~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many  
*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.*  
*Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*  
*At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding’s ok.*  
*At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.*  
*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.*  
*Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

## Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

### Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #175 - *"Seek Ye First"*

### \*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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**St. Paul's Lenten Wednesdays meet each week through March 20th. Pastor Nate is leading 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.**

**From The Board of Deacons... Easter Flowers are offered for sale through Monday, March 4, 2024. Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, and Azalea plants with pricing between \$15.00 and \$20.00. Order forms are available in the office. Or you may call the office to place an order and you may send your payment by mail. Payment by cash or check made payable to the Board of Deacons.**

**REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Please remember to set your clocks!!**

**From Kathy Potter...Our next ROMANS event is Sunday, March 10 right after worship! All are invited to assemble the kits on March 10th following lunch! Please sign up in the lobby so adequate lunch preparations may be made.**

Our project will be assembling kits that will then be delivered to **The Clean Love Project** based out of Romulus. From their website: The Clean Love Project (TCLP) launched in 2015 with the mission to help women and young girls feel clean, loved, and empowered. TCLP distributes kits containing essentials - including feminine hygiene projects - to those who need them most. Kits are delivered to homeless & women's shelters, transitional housing programs, food pantries & school districts. To date, TCLP has distributed more than 40,000 kits.

The Clean Love Project was highly recommended to us by Steve Boyak, friend of St. Paul's & son of Arnie & Doris Boyak. Steve's home congregation has been supporting this organization for a while. Part of the mission is to collect the items needed to supply the kits over the next 5 weeks! So, we are requesting donations of the following items. Our goal is 80 kits. If we receive more, we will assemble more! **Please consider donating items or, if you prefer, funds** (so that the Faith Formation Committee can purchase additional items not donated).

**Please make your donations by TOMORROW, Monday, March 4,** so that we will know how much we will need to fill in. Numbers indicated next to items are the total number we will need to complete our goal of 80 kits. **Individually wrapped toothbrushes (80); Travel sized toothpaste (80); Deodorant, neutral or women's (80); New socks (80 pair); Travel size Flushable Wipes packs (80); Tampons, individually wrapped (800); Sanitary napkins, individually wrapped (400).** **Each kit must include the above & are priority.** Other items, listed here, are welcome, but not essential. Lip balm, travel size soaps, combs, bandages, hair ties, tissues. There is a box in the Narthex in which to place donated items.

**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