

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Julie Ciuro

PRELUDE:

- I. *Prelude on "Lonesome Valley"* - American Spiritual, arr. Matthew McConnell
- II. *Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray* - Donald Lee Moore

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. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

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

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

Leader: **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,**

People: **shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn # 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (vs. 1)

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **As the father greeted his lost son, so You rejoice when we return to You after we have strayed. Rejoice with the congregation, gathered here to worship the living God. Let us gather in joy with the one who defeated death for our sake. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

St. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

Let us pray...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all creation, be merciful on Your sinful people. We are stubborn when we face change, sticking to our comfortable ways in the face of change. When things go badly, we often wonder where You are. We rail against our misfortunes but fail to notice those around us who are in dire need. Wrapped up in our own problems we do not notice the homeless and hungry in our own community. God, forgive our short sightedness. Help us to see beyond our own needs and recognize what is needed around us. We ask these things in Your name. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn #743

“O God, You are My God”

STEP BY STEP

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.

TIME FOR YOUTH You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the regulars,) then just say “you may be seated.”)

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Lord give each of us a deeper understanding of Your word for us today. Help us understand and respond to Your call to us. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm Psalm 32:1-7 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For the day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity;

People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Joshua 5:9-12, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 197

Our choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *Trusting Through it All* - André Crouch

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Pages 78-79

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

***HYMN** No. 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

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, now Pat Nash has a Minute for Mission

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

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: *O Savior, Precious Savior* - Healey Willan

***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**

Lord we thank You for the gifts You have bestowed on us. Take what we have returned to You and use it for Your words in this world, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN No. 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** Hymn #542 vs 1

“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 unfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *Joyful!* - HYMN TO JOY, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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

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*Please join us for a Pot-Luck Lunch
following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Winter is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

Thank you, Faith in Action

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE AND CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, we will be having a Church Garage Sale combined with a Clean-Up Day. As you do your spring cleaning, set aside things that you can donate to the garage sale. Items will be accepted for the garage sale on Saturdays from 2-4 from now until April 20th. Also, both events will need volunteers to help, please let Bryan Booth Krueger or Julie Ciuro know if you can help. Be sure to mark the date!

These events are being coordinated by your Buildings and Grounds and Church Life Committees.

FIFTH SUNDAY POT-LUCK LUNCH

Our next 5th Sunday Pot-Luck Lunch will be today, March 31st. There is always plenty of food, so please join us even if you didn't bring a dish.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service w/communion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location

Cora Marsaw is in treatments, pray for a good outcome

Sonia Wills

Continued prayers for Cameroon

Margie Sonntag

A family member of Janet's is suffering from depression

Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, Clyde has been diagnosed with mid-level Alzheimer's

Martha Brashear fractured a bone in her back

Cecil Nash is had back surgery

Joan Christy

JD's mom is in ICU

Michelle Robertson

Pat is having cataract surgery

Joy is in hospice