

For Prayer & Contemplation

“It is far easier to deal with people as problems to be solved than to have anything to do with them in community.” — *Eugene H. Peterson*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Theme and Variation on “That Priceless Grace”” - Lasky

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118:4-6, 22-24*)

One: Let those who fear the Lord say,
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

**All: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.**

One: With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?

**All: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Hymn No. 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Prayer of Confession (By *Amy Loving*)

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of “knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when we you call us to welcome them into our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Forgive us for demanding uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers, that we may learn to live as one family.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: God doesn’t hold on to grudges but delights in showing mercy. Your mistakes and failures—they are already forgotten. Go forth knowing that you are loved and share that love with your neighbor.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Hymn No. 63 (v. 1) “The Lord is God”

“The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.”

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem “My God is With Me” – Patterson - *Sunshine Singers*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-10*

Old Testament PG 681, Large Print 833

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

New Testament PG 171, Large Print 208

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Christian Place in the Divine Hierarchy”

- *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Affirmation of Faith (From *The Confession of 1967, 9.08*)

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God...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.”

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing...
therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayers of the People

Nick, Maryanne Calandra, Matt, Dawn, Signe and family, Dan, Maisy, the family of Olive, the family of Ron, Nic and family, Chic, Alyssa, Patrick, Erin, Rhett, Jamie, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Phyllis, Aaron, Douglas

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.

Words of Institution *Rev. Drew Harrison*

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Thank you God, for sharing with us in bread and wine. Open our eyes so that we can see the mystery of your grace and love as we go out into the world. Amen.

***Hymn No. 215** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 166** (v.1) "Lord... These 40 Days"
 "Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
 teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay."

Postlude "Wondrous Love" - arr. Sims

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Sandy Lovelace
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Bobbi Wilkins
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bev Benson, Bobbi Wilkins, Linda Davis



Music Notes

Today's prelude is taken from David Lasky's 2013 set of variations on a traditional tune from Ghana. The anthem is a gospel song with words and music by Mark Patterson. The postlude is David Sims' 2017 setting of the shape note hymn, "Wondrous Love." We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> April 3-10	
<i>Sunday</i> April 3	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room 11:30 AM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge 2 PM Deacons - Agape Room
<i>Monday</i> April 4	7 PM Session - Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> April 5	6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops Meeting - Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> April 6	10 AM Library Committee - Church Library 6:30 PM Sparrow Chorale - Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> April 7	7 PM Bell Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 8	7 PM Theology on Tap
<i>Saturday</i> April 9	
<i>Sunday</i> April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room 11:30 AM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge



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10 AM Worship Service
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5th Sunday in Lent
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