

4th Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021

During the season of Lent, we journey with Jesus to the cross as we prepare to retell the sacred story of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. We find that God's response to every darkness we face in the world is to enter into the darkness alongside us. We remember that the cross was a pivotal moment in redemption history, but it is not the end of the story. Christ still journeys with us through the darkness, ever leading us by His light into new life in the Triune God.

PRELUDE "Come Ye Disconsolate" J. Bert Carlson
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Elder Marilyn Fox

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 107, Ephesians 2, John 3*

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*HYMN NO. 81 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

*1- Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*2-Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

*3 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of compassion, slow to anger and full of mercy,
you welcome sinners who return to you with repentant hearts. We therefore confess our sins
to you, for you alone can forgive and make us clean. Receive us in your loving embrace.
Seat us at your bountiful table of grace that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the
hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Savior, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

Silent prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 25:4-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Fork in the Road"

Rev. Rachel Vione

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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ANTHEM

"Hear My Cry"

A. Koploff

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

*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 No. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 18"

B. Marcello/arr. By E.P. Biggs

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Peacemaking Ministry in memory of Bob Shevlin.

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation

For all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, for those who are working to bring the vaccine, Jessie Shaw, Howard Heckma, Jr. (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), Charlotte Tippi (Leah & Jack Fink's granddaughter), Marci Marcelina (age 2 from Nueva Vida Church), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Marlena Dentrone, Ryan Chapman, Sarah Tillman (Claire Newman's cousin), Carol & Tom Dwyer (friends of Diana Montusi), Paul Schrader, Todd Dobert (friend of Sue & Eddy Ebert), Richard Huntley, Maddeline Michitsch (family member of Jane Hudson), Christopher Winkler (Joe & Nancy's son), Tom Poletta (friend of Mary Anne Wetzel), Justin Yoskowitz, Lou Schmidt, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, **those in Healthcare facilities** - Sunrise Senior Living; Joan DeNigris, Atria: Ann Deery, **for the family of:** Bob White, Bob Shevlin, Anne Schmidt (Lou Schmidt's sister), Donald Pyles (Claire Newman's uncle), **our partner congregations:** Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide

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