



THIRD SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Call to Worship**

*Kim Whitman*

Leader: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, let us seek the face of God.

**People: God invites us to come just as we are. We come longing to experience God's embrace.**

Leader: We are wrapped in the loving arms of our Creator.

**People: We come hungry to encounter the Word. God feeds us the Bread of Life.**

Leader: We come weary and worn. God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

**People: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.**

**All: We come to worship and give glory to God! Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:*

*great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, we know that in every generation You call forth prophets to proclaim Your word. We give you thanks that You are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear Your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of Your reconciling love. We confess that too often enough is not enough. We confess our unwillingness to live with less, to part with possessions. We confess that too often we sacrifice what is sacred for that which is profane. Forgive us God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to Your presence and Your promise. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (1)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Epistle Lesson**

2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. <sup>15</sup>And He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the One who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know Him in that way. (continued next page)

<sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the One who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.    **P: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 136**

#31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:  
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:  
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 15:11 – 24 (NRSV)

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So, he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands

have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ    **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***When Easter Comes – RESTORATION***

**✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠**

† **Hymn of Response**

#774

There is Now a New Creation

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found together, tell the news to everyone.  
Now the past is gone forever, and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.  
All is finished and forgiven, let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration, come, and join this happy feast.  
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration to the God of endless life!

† **Affirmation of Faith**

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering Acknowledgement**     *Special Offering: Backpack Ministry*

† **Doxology**

#711 (3)

Father, whose bounty all creation shows.  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live.  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows.  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

O Savior of the World

John Goss

O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right. . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)**

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Breaking of the Bread**

## **Communion of the People**

## **Prayer After Communion**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#307 (1,4)

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 87

General Offering: \$16,803.00

Building Rent: \$350.00

CARes: \$105.00

Easter Towel Fundraiser: \$60.00

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$100.00

Online Giving: \$522.44

**Total Offering: \$17,940.44**

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, March 3**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.



**Monday, March 4:** Horizons Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 6**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

**AAMA Lenten Worship Service, Noon, Holy Family**

**Sanctuary Open for Prayer:** 5:30 p.m.

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, March 7:** Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9:** Ladies Clothing Swap, 2 p.m.

**College Students Finals Boxes**

The Empty Nesters are inviting us to help fill the college finals boxes **March 10—24**. Boxes will be in the Narthex. We are asking for treats or office supplies. Cards to write to our collegiates and young adults will also be offered. We have 6 boxes to fill. The Empty Nesters will mail these boxes and notes at the end of March. Thank you for your kindnesses and prayers for our young adults!

*Please join us for a Spring Concert!*

Saturday, March 16 | 3 p.m. | First Presbyterian Church  
Hosted by the First Presbyterian Church Women

**Max Jackson, organ | Denine LeBlanc, piano**  
**Calvin Riggs, piano | Kim Whitman, flute**

**We Need Candy!**

We are collecting candy for the Kids' Easter Jam (Sunday, March 24), we would like to have all donations by **Sunday, March 17**.

**FPC 205<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fundraiser**

We have beautiful Easter towels for sale. The congregational Life Ministry Team will receive 50% of the total sales to help cover the cost of the celebration luncheon. These were created by Sew Blessed member, and our friend, Toni Gabbert. Delivery is within 2 weeks of order; each towel is \$15. Order forms are in the Narthex. The final day to order is **Sunday, March 24**. Please direct questions to Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826.

### **Food Pantry Drive**

We are collecting food for the Ashland Youth Service Center Pantry. The Food Drive continues through **March 24**. You may place your items on the table in the Narthex. A list of items needed is located on the table in the narthex.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

This offering provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will receive this offering through March. Please note on the memo line of your check or a pew envelope: *One Great Hour of Sharing*.



► **EASTER FLOWERS:** You may order Easter flowers online at [fpcaky.org](http://fpcaky.org) or there are order forms available on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$15 each. Tulips, Lilies, and Hyacinths are available. Please have orders submitted by **Sunday, March 24**.

► **EASTER JAM:** All children birth thru grade 5 and their families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Jam on **Sunday, March 24** following morning worship . We will have pizzas and chicken nuggets for lunch, followed by crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Justice or Kelly Hanni.

► **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will observe **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m.** This service combines the Lord's Supper with a Service of Darkness leading us from the upper room to the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death. At the conclusion of this service the sanctuary will be stripped in remembrance of Jesus' death. It is a solemn service that touches our souls. Please make plans to join us as we prepare for the joy of Easter morning!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending February 29, 2024

Family of Betty Fowler (Melissa Fowler's mother)

Jan & Charlie Holbrook

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Jody Lowman (Kelly & Nanette)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Family of Suzannah Price (Amy Crookes)

Linda Trimboli

### Week ending February 22, 2024

Jim Price (Amy Crookes)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Carol Sanderson

Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)

Kim Whitman

### Week ending February 15, 2024

Kim Haymaker (John & Kay Ferguson's niece)

Kenny and Fetima McGill

Family of Brody James Reynolds (Max & Lois Jackson)

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

*Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.*

**Ongoing:** Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Jan Winans

**The Lantern:** Barry Barbour

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Oakmont Manor:** Annie Miller

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

## STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*  
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*  
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*  
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*  
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

## SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*  
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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