



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

You People, Weep for Your Many Sins

JS Bach

Call to Worship

Geri Willis

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

People: We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.

Leader: Lord Jesus may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

People: In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.

All: Lead us from fear to love, from despair to hope, and from sadness to joy.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Awesome and challenging God, hold us close for this moment, so that with Your support we might look deep within and let Your healing light purify our darkness. Only in Your grasp can we face our struggles - our frantic pursuit of busyness; the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society; the acceptance of bottom-line thinking as the final word; the fear of differences that keeps us from receiving gifts of others; our reluctance to get involved. Holy and loving God, keep us close to the cross and let us experience Your transforming love that turned a sorrowful Friday into an Easter hope. Renew our hearts, refashion our lives, and revive our spirits. In Jesus' name. 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 Choir

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Come All Who Thirst

Luigi Cherubini, arr. H H Hopson

Come all who thirst, come to the waters. You who have no money, buy, and eat without a price. Listen unto me and your soul shall live.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:9–12 (NRSV)

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for He has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation

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of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

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

Psalm 49

#847

Our Hope, Our Life

Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence? They fade, these things we now
possess.

Some flaunt their gold, some trust its power, but what they
cherish will decay; and still the ransom for a soul
remains a price too great to pay.

Though wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads
throughout the land; the shackles of mortality prevent so much
that we have planned.

Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny.
the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:13–21 (NRSV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken

pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

When Easter Comes - Hope

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† 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

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#353 (1,3,4)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Postlude

Max Jackson

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

John Vandertuin

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson* | Liturgist: *Geri Willis*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 70
Easter Towel Fundraiser: \$150.00
General Offering: \$10,645.00
Organ Repair Fund: \$25.00
Online Giving: \$425.00
Total Offering: \$11,245.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► **Sunday, February 18**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m. cancelled
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Presbyterian Women Meeting, Noon
Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► **Monday, February 19:** Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

► **Tuesday, February 20:** Finance Ministry Team Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

► **Wednesday, February 21**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
AAMA Lenten Worship Service, Noon, First United Methodist
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► **Thursday, February 22:** Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

► **Friday, February 23:** Parents' Night Out, 5:30–8 p.m.

Caring With Heart New Session To Begin



We will once again offer *Caring With Heart*. It is a 6-week class that will meet on **Thursdays from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** beginning **March 7.** The class will be led by Kay Ferguson. *Caring With Heart* teaches principles and skills to equip you to provide quality, Christ-centered emotional and

spiritual care for yourself and others. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or see Kay Ferguson.

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.**

Ladies Clothing Swap

The Ladies Clothing Swap is scheduled for **Saturday, March 9 from 2 - 4 p.m.** You may begin bringing in your donated items now. Please place them in the hallway beside the kitchen. If you need anything picked up or have questions, please contact Barb Payne (606.922.6617).

Ladies Clothing Swap



FPC 205th 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 is **February 18— March 24.** You may place your items in the container in the Narthex. Items needed:

Pop Tarts	Granola Bars	Chef Boy R Dee	Packaged Cookies
Instant Oatmeal	Mac n Cheese	Canned Tuna	Ramen Noodles
Cereal Bars	Knorr's Fiesta Sides Rice	Gripz	Trail Mix
Spaghetti Noodles	Peanut Butter	Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers	Canned Chicken Soup (w/beef, chicken, or potatoes)
Canned Pasta Sauce	Cheez-Its		

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 your check or a pew envelope: *One Great Hour of Sharing.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending February 15, 2024

Kim Pollack Burgin (Pastor Bill's sister)
Kim Haymaker (John & Kay Ferguson's niece)
Kenny and Fetima McGill
Family of Brody James Rynolds (Max & Lois Jackson)
Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Week ending February 8, 2024

Raechel Chambers
Jane Justice
Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)
Jody Lowman (Kelly & Nanette)
Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Week ending February 1, 2024

Charlie Holbrook
Jim Price (Amy Crookes)
Suzannah Price (Amy Crookes)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)
Carol Sanderson
Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)
Kim Whitman

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)

Sermon Notes

today is: _____

sermon title: _____

key verses: _____

Notes

worship songs: _____

Prayers

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
D L N R O C O N F E S S I K
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F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C
C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

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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