



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Healy Willan

**Call to Worship**

*Kim Whitman*

Leader: We look ahead, and God beckons,

**People: We glance over our shoulder, and God nods to us,**

Leader: We turn to each side and find our constant Companion,

**People: We look up and feel the shadow of the Holy Comforter.**

Leader: Even the earth we walk on is holy ground,

**People: Step by step, on every journey, along each path,**

**through each temptation, God is with us, always and forever.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty 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.

As You with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in You to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, all we have and all we are is a gift from You. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge Your presence and Your grace in our lives. We prefer to take credit for what we do right, to blame others for what goes wrong, and to dismiss as insignificant our weaknesses, self-righteousness, and pride. We want to be**

regarded as being strong, rather than relying on Your strength. We want to avoid hardship and trials rather than endure the suffering that molds godly character. We want to be in control rather than yield to You. We ask for Your forgiveness. We confess that our stubbornness reveals our mistrust of both Your goodness and Your love and desires for us. Grant us Your mercy, we pray, and restore us to a right relationship with You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

*Kelly Hanni*

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

Love Is But My Answer

Carlton Russell

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me: It was not I that found, O Savior true; No, I was found of Thee. Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold, as Thou dear Lord, on me. I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee: For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always Thou lovedst me. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:6–13 (NRSV)

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

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<sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

## **Psalm 121**

#45

### I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; your guardian never sleeps;  
God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter, and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.

Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

## † **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:1–11 (NRSV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward He was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Him to the holy city and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You,' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not dash Your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him to a very

high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him.

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***When Easter Comes – POWER to Overcome!***

**✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠**

† **Hymn of Response** (Toulon)

#783

When We are Tested

When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by Your word and Your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love You beyond sign and test,  
trusting Your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only You,  
seeking Your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

† **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**

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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: Organ Repair Fund*

#### **† 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**

#775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

Fantasia In D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 88

General Offering: \$1,700.00

Backpack Ministry: \$116.00

Easter Flowers: \$30.00

Easter Towel Fundraiser: \$90.00

Online Giving: \$1,035.00

**Total Offering: \$2,971.00**

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, March 10**

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 11**

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

205<sup>th</sup> Celebration Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 13**

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

**AAMA Lenten Worship Service, Noon, Cornerstone Methodist**

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

**Thursday, March 14**

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, March 16**

Spring Concert, 3 p.m.

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.**

### **College Students Finals Boxes**



The Empty Nesters are inviting us to help fill the college finals boxes. The deadline is **March 24.** Boxes are in the Narthex. We are asking for treats or office supplies. Cards to write to our collegiates and young adults are also 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!

### **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!

# Sermon Notes

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## Prayers

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending March 7, 2024

Scott Brown (Mike & Kim Whitman's son-in-law)  
Deborah Dulen (online)

### 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)

*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, Kim Whitman

**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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