

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Just As I Am

arr. C. Tornquist

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

*Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

You love, and serve, and give;

we betray, deny, and crucify.

You reach out to us with open arms;

we prepare a cross for our Savior.

Forgive us, by your steadfast love.

Create a clean heart with us,

teach us your holy way,

and restore us to the joy of salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

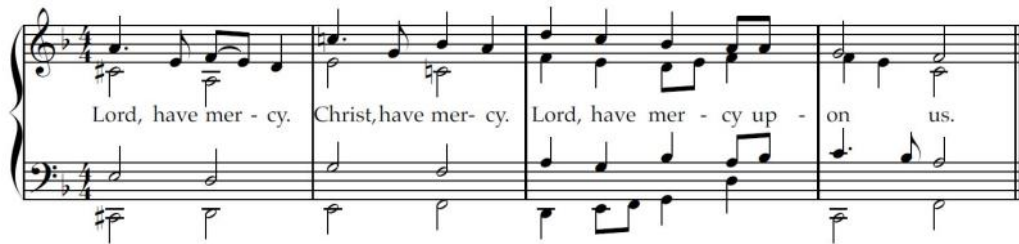
Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Congregational Response

Kyrie



Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 22:1-7,30-31

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 500

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem

All They That See Him and He Trusted in God (from *Messiah*)
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

*All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn.
They shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying:*

*He trusted in God that He would deliver him.
Let Him deliver him if He delight in him!*

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)*

New Testament Lesson: Mark 15:33-37

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 54

Sermon

"Forsaken, But Not Alone"

Dr. John M. Willingham

*"At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice...
'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"—Mark 15:34*

*Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*Affirmation of Faith

— From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the church, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Thy Rebuke and Behold and See (from Messiah)
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

*Thy rebuke hath broken his heart;
He is full of heaviness.
He looked for some to have pity on Him,
but there was no man, neither found he any to comfort Him.
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.*

*Congregational Response 606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Postlude

Sortie Salennelle

L. Niedermeyer

Assisting: Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Tom Maclin

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kathy McQuate on the death of her mother, Barbara Bleier, on March 16. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Gene Weichman on the occasion of his birthday by his wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Kathryn and Meredith.

Lenten Music. During this Season of Lent, the Chancel Choir and DPC Orchestra members are offering excerpts from the Oratorio, *Messiah*, by G.F. Handel. These musical selections present a different perspective on the events of Christ's crucifixions. The pastors are offering reflections on the last words of Christ from the cross, while the music of *Messiah* offers the contrasting perspective of the view from below, looking up at the cross and its occupant.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, vol. 47.1, p. 132; and the **Affirmation of Faith** comes from our denomination's "A Brief Statement Of Faith." This document was developed following the reunion of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983 and seeks to express the Reformed faith in ways that speak to the concerns and challenges of life in the 21st century.



2023 EASTER FLOWERS Our members have the opportunity to remember or honor loved ones as well as provide our church with beautiful arrangements for Holy Week. Flowers and palms will be artistically arranged throughout the Sanctuary. If you would like to help make this offering possible, please complete the form shown below:

I would like to make _____ donation(s) at \$15.00 each. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES**

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

From: _____

Make checks payable to DPC (note "Easter Flowers" on it). Mail to the church office or place in the offering plate. ***Names must be received in the church office no later than noon on Monday, April 3.***

Name: _____ Phone or Email: _____



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