

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Adagio from Sonata No. 1 Op. 2(abr.)* Beethoven

The Call to Worship

God makes a way out of no way.

God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

God makes the impossible possible

and sees the desperate needs of all people.

Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

Christ among us, God is doing a new thing. Amen

*The Hymn of Praise *How Firm a Foundation* 361
Congregation sings verses 1 & 4

*The Call to Confession

Though we find much to boast about, we return again to God, who sees through our efforts to handle our life on our own. Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced too, might be generous with our love.

Hear us Lord as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

Purifying God, fill us, our homes, churches, the world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon *Philippians 3:9*
The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous.
Our righteousness come through faith in Christ, who made us his own.

Hear the good news! Jesus Christ restores us to life.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*The Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 280
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

The Anthem *Just As I Am, without One Plea* Lynette Maynard
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm *Psalm 126* page 683 OT

The Gospel Reading *John 12:1-8* page 142 NT

The Sermon "The Oil" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed (Traditional)* Hymnal Page 15

*The Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* 310
Congregation sings verses 1,3 & 5

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Improvisation on HAMBURG*
(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Invention No. 8 in F Major, BWV 779* J.S. Bach

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Liturgist: Connor Rousseau

Greeter:

Easter Flowers

TODAY is the last day to order Easter Lilies. Flowers are in 8" pots with foil and a bow for \$11 each. Easter Sunday is April 17th.



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Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians

Announcements and Upcoming Event

April Mission

The mission and stewardship focus for April is the First Presbyterian Church food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations will be collected through April 24th.

Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

Scholarship Applications



The scholarship applications for interested students are available in the church office. There are 2 scholarships available to everyone, the Muriel Lakey scholarship and the Mary Ann Geiersbach scholarship, and a special scholarship available to anyone attending Alma College. Qualifications and guidelines will be attached to the

application. **The due date for returning applications is April 10th.**

Wednesday Lenten Services

During the Season of Lent, the weekly Wednesday Worship service will be in person and live streamed at 6:30 p.m. The focus is The Symbols of Lenten Journey. Below is the Weekly Words with Scriptures:

Week 5-April 6 "The Oil" **Psalm 23 & Matthew 26:6-13**

Week 6- April 13 "The Coats, Towel, Thorns" **Luke 19:29-40**

Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022!** Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets are in the main hallway. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Greeters
- Liturgist
- Ushers

We also need volunteers to mow the lawn. We work in teams of 2 and the more teams we have, the fewer weeks you will have to mow. Please call the office if you are interested.

Busy Hands and Hearts



Will meet at the church tomorrow, **Monday, April 4 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in.