

The Chapel in the Pines

February 26, 2023

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

The First Sunday of Lent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Alicia DeLong in loving memory of her parents.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the steadfast love of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!
Sing out! Shout for joy!

Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice! Amen

The Invocation and 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever...Amen.**

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Psalm 32

What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven!
What joys when sins are covered over!
**What relief for those who have confessed their sins
and God has cleared their record.**

There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was.
But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration.
**My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day
until I finally admitted all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide them.
I said to myself, "I will confess them to the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.**

Now I say that each believer should confess their sins to God
while there is time to be forgiven.
Judgment will not touch them if they do.
**You are my hiding place from every storm of life;
you surround me with songs of victory.**

I will instruct you, says the Lord
and guide you along the best pathway for your life;
I will advise you and watch your progress.

Abiding love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
**So rejoice in the Lord, all God's children,
and sing for joy, all those who try to obey him.**



***Hymn**

#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Amen.

***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads



The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care, and relying on our own devices.
Have mercy on us, we pray; cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life and re-create us in your image;
through Christ our Lord and Savior.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

The Response to the Word

***Hymn** #274 Break Thou the Bread of Life

1 Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O Living Word.

2 Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All in all.

3 Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.

4 O send Thy Spirit, Lord,
Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes
And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed
Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed
I see the Lord.

Amen.



Homily Sure is Tempting!

The Prayers of the People

The Lenten Service of Diminishing Light

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #59 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

Amen.



***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** Go Now And Pass It On

May the Lord walk beside us
as we leave this quiet place
For the Lord will guide us
if we walk in the light of His grace

May we feel God's love around us
as it keeps us faithful and strong,
For the peace of God surrounds us,
and now we pass it on.

Go now and pass it on.

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Kathy Steele, Evangeline Calindro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Cami Thistles, Mary Faas, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Leric Racine, the family of Ernie Martin, Jamie Raskin, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Sharon Thomas, Neida Crow, Birdie Mendence, Kerra Paduano, Harry Wahlquist, the family of Carol Meszaros, Abbe Theodore, the people of Ukraine and the people of Turkey and Syria and East Palestine Ohio.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Joan Tourt, Bill and JoAn Moses, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Jon Tichenor, Carol and the Scantlin family, Pat and the family of Dick Weber.



February Announcements

Monday-February 27 Dot Riggins
 Monday-February 27 Nancee Letter
 Monday-February 27 Mike Barry
 Tuesday-February 28 Samuel Stoltz



Altar Flowers

March

3-5 Mike & Sue Barry
3-12 Pat Dantzer
3-19 Moss Family
3-26 Jody Monk

Looking Ahead!

Thursday-March 2	2:30 pm	<i>Fran's Friends</i>
Sunday-March 5	9:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent
Friday-March 10	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday-March 12	9:00 am	3rd Sunday of Lent
Saturday-March 18	3:00 pm	Carol Meszaros Memorial Service
Sunday-March 19	9:00 am	3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday-March 26	9:00 am	4th Sunday of Lent

***Please notify Church Administrator for events to be added to the Chapel in the Pines calendar to assure availability of dates and times.*



Annual Spring Rummage Sale Saturday, April 22, 2023

Non Clothing Item Donations are now being accepted by
 Mission Team Members on
 Mondays and Wednesdays from
 10:00 am—Noon in the **Kids Zone**



Coffee Fellowship

Worship

March

3-5 Helen Scholl & Jody Monk
3-12 Mary Snead & Meta Massey
3-19 Kathy & Stacy Golzio
3-26 Alice McPheeters



Worship Team

February

2-22 Ash Wednesday
 Alice McPheeters and Katy Swain
2-26 L.B. Urie and Marilyn McCaskill

March

3-5 Lee Connelly and Marilyn McCaskill
3-12 Alice McPheeters and Leslie While (**HC**)

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Lent
"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."



Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes	Wednesday, February 22	4:30
The Passion Play, Session #1 The Power of a Vow	Thursday, February 23	4:00
The First Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, February 26 Sunday February 26	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #2 The Importance of Community	Thursday, March 2	4:00
The Second Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 5 Sunday, March 5	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #3 The Role of Ritual	Thursday, March 9	4:00
The Third Sunday in Lent The Celebration of Holy Communion Covered dish fellowship lunch following worship Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 12 Sunday, March 12	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #4 Living the Story	Thursday, March 16	4:00
The Fourth Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 19 Sunday, March 19	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #5 Telling a Better Story	Thursday, March 23	4:00
The Fifth Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 26 Sunday, March 26	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #6 The Power of the Cross	Thursday, March 30	4:00
Palm Sunday Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, April 2 Sunday, April 2	9:00 4:00