

The Chapel in the Pines

March 19, 2023

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



**The flowers on the Comunion table this week are given
to the Glory of God in honor of Moss family birthdays.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

Selah

The Lord is my shepherd.

I am troubled, O Lord, and fearful. I cannot find my way to you.

I will give you what you need.

But I am weak; my courage has failed.

Selah

You are given healing, beloved child.

Take me beyond my wants and burdens.

You are invited to dwell in the house of peace forever.

Lord, I come to you, seeking your healing love and salvation.

Selah

We are blind to many things.

Lord, cure our blindness.

The light of God shines for us today.

Lord, pour that light on us.

Come, worship our Shepherd God who forgives and heals your blindness.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

Selah

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 23

Because the Lord is my Shepherd,
I have everything I need!

He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams.
He gives me new strength. He helps me do what honors him the most.
**Even when walking through the dark valley of death
I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me,
guarding, guiding all the way.**

You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies.
You have welcomed me as your guest; blessings overflow!
**Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life,
and afterwards, I will live with you forever in your home.**

***Hymn** #462 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

4 Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.



***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

**Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.
We keep shameful deeds secret,
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.
We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,
but step back, protecting ourselves.
Forgive us , we pray.
Open our blind eyes that we may see ourselves rightly.
Open our blind eyes so that we may know ourselves loved.
Keep on raising us up, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The psalmist assures us
that God's goodness and mercy will follow us...
even pursue us all the days of our lives.
**As God's forgiven people let us receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life through the grace of God who is always with us.**
So, let us live as children of the light
for through Christ our sins are forgiven.
**Thanks be to God!
Now, let us begin again. Amen.**

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**

The Prayer of Illumination



A Reading from the Gospels Adapted from John 9:1-41

*As Jesus walked with his disciples,
they saw a man who had been born blind...
And the man did as Jesus instructed,
and immediately his sight was restored.*

Anthem. Be Thou My Vision Irish Folk Melody/Arranged by Davin Allen

Homily Windows into our Blindness

The Eucharist

The Invitation
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**A pil-grim was I, an a-wan-d'ring
in the cold night of sin I did roam.
When Jesus the kind Shep-herd found me
and now I am on my way home.**

**He re-stor-eth my soul when I'm wea-ry,
He giveth me strength day by day.
He leads me be-side the still wa-ters,
He guards me each step of the way.**

**When I walk thru the dark lone-some val-ley
my Sav-ior will walk with me there.
And safe-ly His great hand will lead me
to the man-sions He's gone to pre-pare.**

Refrain:

**Sure-ly good-ness and mer-cy shall fol-low me
all the days, all the days of my life.
Sure-ly good-ness and mer-cy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.**

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
The Words of Institution
The Communion of the People

The Lenten Service of Diminishing Light

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Cami Thistles, Mary Faas, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Lerici Racine, Jamie Raskin, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Sharon Thomas, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Abbe Theodore, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Shelton Raynor, Rev. Bill and

Marty Bruner, Dorothy McInnis, the people of Ukraine and Syria, the people of East Palestine Ohio, and the family of Carol Meszaros.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Joan Tourt, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Jon Tichenor, Peggy Reuter, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, Katy Swain, Esther Robinson, Carol and the Scantlin family, Pat and the family of Dick Weber, family of Ed Chapman, and Jim Beck's family upon the death of his sister Linda.

February Announcements



Tuesday-March 21 Alicia DeLong
Saturday-March 25 Sue Barry
Monday-March 27 Jeff Lowe
Wednesday-March 29 Dave Carr



Altar Flowers

March
3-19 Moss Family
3-26 Jody Monk



Sunday-March 19 Bob & Pat Dantzer
Monday-March 20 Bruce & Vicki Bedder
Wednesday-March 29 Tim & RJ Peppe

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-March 19	9:00 am	4th Sunday of Lent— Holy Communion
		Chapel Board Meeting
	4:00 pm	Struggle to the Cross Small Group
Thursday-March 24	4:00 pm	Story of Christ's Last Days Bible Study
Sunday-March 26	9:00 am	5th Sunday of Lent
	4:00 pm	Struggle to the Cross Small Group
Thursday-March 31	4:00 pm	Story of Christ's Last Days Bible Study
Sunday-April 2	9:00 am	Palm Sunday
	4:00 pm	Struggle to the Cross Small Group
Thursday-April 6	5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday—Holy Communion
Friday-April 7	12:00 pm	Good Friday

***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

March
3-26 Alice McPheeters
April
4-2 Neta Massey and Mary Snead



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Holy Week

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Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 2 - 9:00

We will celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem by waving our palm branches and singing, "Hosanna in the highest heaven! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 6 - 5:30

The night begins with our traditional covered-dish, fellowship supper of Soup, Bread, and Dessert and closes with the celebration of The Last Supper. In between we will be blessed by hearing Jesus declare that the greatest commandment of all is to love...to love God, to love ourselves, and to love each other.

Maundy Thursday

This year we will return to the origins of our Maundy Thursday Service when the entire worship experience took place in the fellowship hall and Holy Communion was shared in an intimate, family style around the dinner table. For the Worship Team to properly prepare reservations will be required. Please contact the Chapel office (910) 400-5188 by Monday, April 3, at 3:00 to make your reservation.



Good Friday - Friday, April 7 - 12:00 Noon

We'll hear the story of the last day of Jesus' earthly life in scripture and song. We'll relive the horror of Jesus' death on the cross, we'll extinguish the last Lenten Candle, and conclude with The Stripping of the Church.



Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 9 - 9:00

We will greet one another with, "Christ is risen!" and respond with, "Christ is risen indeed". The cross will be adorned with Spring flowers and we will Reappoint the Church in preparation for our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. The festivities will conclude with the observance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion where we will acknowledge the joy of new life in Christ.

