

The Chapel in the Pines

March 5, 2023

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

The Second Sunday of Lent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Sue Barry in honor of
Mike Barry's Birthday and Barry family March Birthdays:
Samantha, Patrick, Kelly and Sue**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

Come, all who need help!
**Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!
**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!
**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

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.**

A Reading from the Old Testament Adapted from Genesis 12:1-4a
*I will also bless those who bless you. Through your descendants,
all of the families of the earth will find their blessing in you.*

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Psalm 121

I will lift my eyes to the hills.
From where will our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?
**The Lord will keep us from all evil.
The Lord is the keeper of our lives by day and by night.**

How long will God strengthen, love, and protect us?
**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

***Hymn** #6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of pow'r, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills,
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills;
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made,
His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
But, thru all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud his praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

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.

Affirmation

Reply

You are blessed by God! And, you are a blessing to me!

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know that they are not what you desire.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born from above into the life of Christ,
trusting you have included us,
by your grace into the family of faith.
During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you,
that we may choose the blessing of salvation
offered us each day through Jesus Christ,
in whom we pray...**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles

Romans 4:1-5, 13

Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

***Hymn**

#34 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM,
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name,
Forever blest.

3 He by Himself hath sworn,
I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heaven ascend;
I shall behold His face,
I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.

2 The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

4 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise.

Amen.



A Reading from the Gospels John 3:1-17
*The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

The Response to the Word

The palmist sang of two options when we need help:
Look to the hills alone, or look to the One who made the hills.
We will look to God!

People of God, the choice is before us: Curse or blessing?
We choose blessing!

God's only Son has come into the world to offer a choice:
Condemnation or salvation?
We choose the salvation of Jesus Christ! Amen.

Homily Blown by the Wind of the Spirit

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** #296 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (verses 1-3)

1 We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

2 We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword. **[Refrain]**

3 We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love. **[Refrain]**



***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #296 We've a Story to Tell to the nations (verse 4)

4 We've a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God. **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Evangeline Caliandro, 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, the family of Carol Meszaros, Elizabeth Darrow, Kathy Steele, Abbe Theodore, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Shelton Raynor, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, the people of Ukraine and Syria and East Palestine Ohio.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

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

February Announcements



Friday-March 10
Rowan Collins



Altar Flowers

March

3-12 Pat Dantzer
3-19 Moss Family
3-26 Jody Monk

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-March 5	9:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent
	4:00 pm	Struggle to the Cross Small Group
Thursday-March 9	4:00 pm	Story of Christ's Last Days Bible Study
Friday-March 10	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday-March 12	9:00 am	3rd Sunday of Lent
		Congregational Covered Dish Following Worship - Sponsored by Worship Team
	4:00 pm	Struggle to the Cross Small Group
Thursday-March 17	4:00 pm	Story of Christ's Last Days Bible Study
Saturday-March 18	3:00 pm	Carol Meszaros Memorial Service
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

***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 & Neta Massey
3-19 Kathy & Stacy Golzio
3-26 Alice McPheeters



Worship Team

March

3-5 Lee Connelly and Marilyn McCaskill
3-12 Kathy and Daisy (HC)
3-19 Alice and Mary
3-26 L.B. and Marilyn

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