

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Please rise in body or spirit.

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Voluntary When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Kevin McChesney
Adult Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship Psalm 118: 1 - 4, 23 - 24 Alec Works

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say: "God's love endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron say: "God's love endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the Lord say: "God's love endures forever."

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn #488 The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

Children's Choir Compassion Prayer Amanda Meisenheimer

May we be filled with compassion. May we be filled up to the top of our hearts. When we have the pow'r to make something right, may we show God's love.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, enlighten our hearts and minds that we may give up our attachment to the darkness. Outside these walls, we are tempted to choose darkness of sin and evil rather than light: to use people, to love things, to gamble, to do whatever it takes, to desire whatever we want. We confess we have not put up much of a fight against temptation, nor sought Your ever-present support to defeat those particular demons which appeal to us. You reveal Your love by the light of Your Christ and teach Your people by the light of Your Spirit.

We know that sin is like a fungus that cannot survive the sunbeams of Your love. Shine in the dark caverns of our hearts, where we hide our secret thoughts and desires. Make us radiant with Your love, that others may see our good works and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Silence is observed.

*Response Hymn #78 Alas! And did My Savior Bleed *Verse 1*
Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response Hymn #181 Come Sing to God *Verse 1*
Come sing to God O living saints, Sing praises to God's name. God's anger is not permanent, God's love will never wane. Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, Yet joy comes with the morning sun, A peace that is not vain.

*Passing the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you. **God's Peace be with you.**

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory Ah, Holy Jesus setting by Gary Matheny
Text may be found at Hymn #93

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Margo Works
Distribution of Fish Boxes

Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the K-6 children's choir, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 26: 1-9

*Hymn # 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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The Second Lesson

Luke 13: 31-35

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. George Murphy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation and for the work of the Holy Spirit.

In one voice, let us offer the words of the 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 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.

Together let us sing: Hymn #138

verse 1

Words of Institution

“The Bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn

1 Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

***Refrain:* When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

Prayer following Communion

*Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God be in my head

H. Walford Davies

Voluntary

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Helmut Walcha

**These responses will be used during Lent.
Serving as liturgist today is Alec Works.*

Announcements

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by James Cole in memory of his grandmother, Ellen Arnold.

The Flowers on the Pedestal are given by Claudine Schooley in honor of all the people of Ukraine. May peace prevail.

Youth Fellowship Event Saturday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. the youth will have lunch and games in the Youth Room. Feel free to bring a favorite game!

April/May Script Deadline is Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Please send articles and pictures to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com

Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, March 20, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing and installing new officers.

Handicapped Parking on Sunday Mornings only persons with handicapped permits may use the parking spaces along the back of the church, the east side driveway, near the dumpster, and near the playground.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Today.

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- *The rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service safety policy. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers until further notice.*
- *Seating in alternate pew rows will continue.*
- *Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles located in Wright-Herberich Hall.*

***Calendar of Church Building Events
For March 13—20, 2022***

Sunday, 3/13 - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
 Communion - The Reverend George Murphy
 is preaching - Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Tween Service Event at Christ Woodland Food
 Pantry

Tuesday, 3/15

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Zoom Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, 3/17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 3/19

- 8:00 am Food for Life in the Kitchen
- 9:00 am Organ Competition in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Youth Lunch and Games Event

Sunday, 3/20 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
 Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Congregational Meeting/Electing & Installing
 New Officers
- 12:00 pm Zoom Personnel Committee Meeting
 Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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