

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Nothing heals us like letting people know our scariest parts: When people listen to you cry and lament, and look at you with love, it's like they are holding the baby of you.

~Anne Lamott

PRELUDE

The Lone Wild Bird

Pat Singer

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year for OGHS the theme is "You shall be called Repairers of the Breach." We usually collect this special offering on Palm Sunday, but this year we will extend the deadline to Easter. Just add a note to your check or Zelle indicating OGHS.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/page/oghs-covid19/>

Children's Resources

(Gracie the fish.. etc):

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/resource/gracie-and-fishing-net/>

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPa-17YmSBn5DnLPCOi2o1YI8KXVx9OOBazS10hx9sQKMpFoHIHVnWlbf3kCJITZg?key=RVITZUZoUEIPbVZFRlc1YXhiaEJfYnVBR2FGNTln>

Holy Week

Holy week will be here before we know it!

Palm Sunday Brunch - we will celebrate on Sunday, March 28th after worship with a virtual brunch. Stay tuned for more details!

Maundy Thursday - On Thursday, April 1st we will have a virtual service and communion.

Good Friday - On Friday April 2nd a Good Friday service will be broadcasted at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 10:30 service will be streamed online.

CHORAL INTROIT

Wait for the Lord

Germonds Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Kelly

God is in the water that restores our soul.

And God is in the night when we lose our way.

God is in today and tomorrow, raising up leaders, prophets and dreamers.

And God is in the wilderness with us—every step of the way.

So with confidence we declare—

If God is in those spaces, then God is surely where we are.

Let us worship the God of creation.

Let us worship the God of wilderness spaces.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Sue Kelly

Luke 18:31-34

31 Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. **32** For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. **33** After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” **34** But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sue Kelly

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, O God. Forgive us when we fail you. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Shape us as peacemakers: let your love be known through our hands, that we may be witnesses to your abundant grace.

Let us silently confess our sins to God.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Our mistakes are forgiven, our sins are forgotten. Our God is a God of love.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22:1-2

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Psalm 44:9-12, 23-26

9 Yet you have rejected us and abased us,
and have not gone out with our armies.

10 You made us turn back from the foe,
and our enemies have gotten spoil.

11 You have made us like sheep for slaughter,
and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.

23 Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord?
Awake, do not cast us off forever!

24 Why do you hide your face?
Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

25 For we sink down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.

26 Rise up, come to our help.
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

MESSAGE

“Lament, Lament”

Rev. Abbie Huff

ANTHEM

Germonds Choir

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

What Does the Lord Require?

Germonds Choir

POSTLUDE

O Rest In The Lord

Pat Singer

Racial Justice Conversation following the Service

Abbie Huff abbiehuff@germondschurch.org is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Racial Justice Conversation

Time: Feb 21, 2021 11:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152850943?pwd=d25DTFdhNVkwcS8vdDlkNTFEK2xSdz09>

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