

# Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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**Welcome To**  
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FOURTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**March 27, 2022**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

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WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “My Tribute”      arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
(To God be the Glory)  
Celebration Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) (*from Psalm 32*)

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN #39      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      FAITHFULNESS  
(*stanzas 1,3*)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God, we know that we are your good creation; made in your image. In Jesus Christ, you redeemed our brokenness and brought us into right relationship with you. And yet, despite our best efforts, we have sinned. Our sin leaves us feeling distant from what we love. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us back to wholeness, for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive) (from 2 Corinthians 5:17-19)*

**One:** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**All:** **All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;**

**One:** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen**

### ANTHEM

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Vicki Wright

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;*

*And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;*

*I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, such a  
wonderful beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and  
sanctify me.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay  
down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a  
crown.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.**

#### CALL TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain:* **“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain***

**O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain***

### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 (NRSV)  
Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERMON SERIES      Journey to the Cross  
Sermon #3 “Mercy and Love in the Journey”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN                      “We Pray for Peace” (*see music notes*)                      FINLANDIA

**We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,  
as once again, we face a time of war.  
The meek and humble try —amid the crisis —  
to love and build, to nurture and restore.  
May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —  
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.**

**We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —  
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.  
You spoke with love and with amazing power;  
be with us now when trouble is so near.  
May leaders see the miracle you offer —  
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.**

**We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;  
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.  
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;  
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.  
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;  
may love and mercy be our highest aims.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY    “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”    J.S. Bach**

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,  
feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

**Music Notes:**

The words to the last hymn, ‘We Pray for Peace’ were written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette in response to the crisis in Ukraine. Ms. Gillette is well known for her hymn writing having written hymns that have been sung in every state and around the world. Although we have never met, I feel a kinship with her as we both graduated from the same alma mater, Lebanon Valley College, and after she was ordained in the Presbyterian Church, she and her husband were pastors at the church where my parents were charter members, Limestone Presbyterian in Wilmington, Delaware. I pray this hymn speaks to you as it does to me and may this be our prayer, when we don’t have any words that suffice.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music