

5th Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** 

All Glory Laud and Honor Mary McDonald © 2013 Lorenz Publishing Co.

WELCOME/CANDLE LIGHTING

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Arr. Robert J. Powell
Concordia Press. 2012

Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As Thou with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.

As Thou did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and chiefly live by Thy most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy passion tide, Yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us, abide.

> Abide with us that so this life of suffering over past, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

## CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bizza Britton

We come to worship because we long to be seen.

We long for community.

We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection.

We need our eyes to be opened.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

HYMN No. 386 vv. 1,2,4

Come Worship God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ann Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the journey, forgive me when I speak before listening, or act without paying attention. Forgive me when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

God, you know that we are works in progress. Continue to do your work *in* us so you might be better able to do your work *through* us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Even when we fail to listen,

God still listens to us.

When we fail to see.

we are still seen by God.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

#### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:31-43

**SERMON** 

Mamie Broadhurst

#### WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

#### OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.

Online giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Bell Triptych I. Chorale J William Greene ©2020 Lorenz Publishing Co.

\*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
God of all that is seen and unseen,
We offer these gifts to you
with thanks for all that you have offered us.
May our time, talent, and treasure
be used to reveal your love for all.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout Lent we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as the Eucharist. All who wish to partake in Christ's table are warmly invited to join.

For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat. The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding. (PCUSA Book of Order W-3.0409)

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, and everything in between...

Our Mother and Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

ANTHEM Lamb of God

Composed by Richard Shepherd St. James Press, 2015

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me; Now in my heart I give myself to thee. Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise, That we may come to love you all our days. Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord; That we would hold thy wondrous Name adored.

#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

HYMN No. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION
Believe that good news, and go in peace knowing that God is....

Everywhere.

**POSTLUDE** 

Now Let Us All with One Accord Robert Lind ©2011 Paraclete Press

Many thanks to Tom Shelton and Leslie Green for their work livestreaming the service this morning.



## Palm Sunday April 13

11:00 a.m.

This year the youth (6th-12th graders) will be in charge of our Palm Sunday sevice. It will also be the day youth who wish to confirm their baptismal vows (or be baptized) will be recognized during the service. Palms will be waved, but maybe not when you think...

#### Holy Wednesday April 16

We will have a Taize service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will not be livestreamed. You can read more about the original Taize community here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiz%C3%A9 Community

## Maundy Thursday Service April 17

A Service of Word and Sacrament centered on the events of this sacred evening We will have a service at 6:30 p.m. starting in the Fellowship Hall. for a potluck meal and remember the last meal Christ shared with his disciples before he was killed on Good Friday. We will share communion and conversation, prayer and song. Please bring a dish to share and join us. If you will be going, and would be willing to help Mamie as a liturgist in this service, please let her know.

## Good Friday Service April 18

The Service of Tenebrae (the extinguishing of lights)

We will gather next door with the folks at University Methodist Church for a service of scripture and song, extinguishing candles until we read that Christ has breathed his last. It will be livestreamed through the UUMC Facebook page, YouTube channel, and also on the UUMC website. Please let Mamie know if you will be going and would be willing to read a scripture passage during the service.

## Easter Sunday April 20 - A Service of Word and Sacrament

Brunch, an Egg Hunt, and the Hallelujah Chorus

Instead of Church School we will fellowship together (see details on next page.) Then we join together to celebrate the gift of resurrection life at 11am. Hallelujah! The One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA offering will be collected. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.** 

NOTE: The Day School and Church office will be closed on Good Friday. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21.





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