

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Ach Herr, Mich Armen Sünder"
"Be still and know that I am God."

Dietrich Buxtehude
Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION – One Great Hour of Sharing

Jessica Gardner

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.

Let us worship God!

THE LENTEN WREATH

Leader: When we arrived this morning online or onsite, we entered into the activity of a Sunday morning: Friends greeting one another, choir members getting their robes, finding a place to sit and settle at home or while traveling. Now that we are gathered, consider the word, "sanctuary." A sanctuary is a place set aside for sacred things. It is a place of refuge and protection. This room is a sanctuary. The season of Lent, too, is a kind of sanctuary, extended in time. One of the things Christ teaches us is that he is a sanctuary. When we abide in him, we abide in God.

(Silence.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the pain of war and oppression in the world.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

Loving God, we open our hearts to you. Guide us in Christ to places of sanctuary and help us create sanctuary for others. Strengthen us in our quiet places and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Though we find much to boast about, we return to God, who sees through our efforts to handle life on our own. Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God. Let us pray:

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely on God's claim on us. Jesus Christ restores us to life. Say it with joy! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:16-21
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei"

Owenby

THE GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-9
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Listen for the Contradictions"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 201

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith (1.5-7)

We know that God is not confined to the story we tell. The story itself tells us God works God's sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God in Christ is perfect freedom. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Kyrie: Mass for the Convents"

Francois Couperin

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

O God, Creator of our wilderness world,

O God, Savior of the lost,

O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,

we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. We praise you, O God.

We praise you.

For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. We praise you, O God.

We praise you.

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven. We praise you, O God.

We praise you.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

We extol his life. Amen. **Amen.**

We lament his death. Amen. **Amen.**

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen. **Amen.**

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Save us, O God. **Save us.**

Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance. Save us, O God. **Save us.**

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Save us, O God. **Save us.**

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. Save us, O God. **Save us.**

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Meal

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

Communion Hymn 533

"In the Singing"

BREAD OF PEACE

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel together, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 625

"O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*BENEDICTION

Put away the past.
God is about to do a new thing!
God makes a way where there is no way!
God carves a path through the wilderness
and sends angels to guard and guide us.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
**If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Te Deum"

Dietrich Buxtehude

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Jennifer Abel, Liturgist
Dennis and Sally Keeney, Ushers
Frank and Maurine Slaughter, Diane Pharr, Greeters
Ray and Paula Nichols, Lenten Readers
Ernie and Jennifer Abel, Communion Preparers
Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes
Tim Quist, Organist



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

*We are excited to announce a FIRST Ever
Event
The Benzie Central Band Recital
With
Solo and Ensembles performing
Under
The direction of Brian Parent, Director of
Bands*

*This special event will be held on Tuesday
April 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
At
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

*This exclusive invitation
Is
sent to members of the congregation - YOU!!*

*We anticipate that soloists and ensemble players' families will
be here as well as numbers of the Congregation.
Come early to get your preferred seating!
Welcome local talent and members of the community.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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| <p>Today 9:00 "Meeting Jesus at the Table" discussion 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, April 7 2:00 Grief Group 3:30 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, April 8 10:30 "Let Justice Roll Down" (Zoom) 3:00 Disciple I Bible Study (Red Book) 5:00 Bldg & Grounds Mtg</p> | <p>Wednesday, April 9 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, April 10 10:30 "Let Justice Roll Down" (onsite) 2:00 Disciple II Bible Study (Green Book) 4:30 Peace & Justice Mtg</p> <p>Friday, April 11 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, April 13 9:00 "Meeting Jesus at the Table" discussion 10:30 Worship (Palm Sunday) 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> |
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PRAYER LIST

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| <p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p> | <p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Jason Janowiak</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Bentley</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greg McGavran</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Marsh</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roger Sattler</td> <td>Jim Boehm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>Jay Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barb Alldredge</td> <td>Dale Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Eldred</td> <td>Ro Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erik Nielsen</td> <td>John O'Neal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>John Wehmeyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nathan Carrick</td> <td>Katie Verrill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emmalee Sheffield</td> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> <td>Family of Margaret Beery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family of Syd Walston</td> <td>Family of Steve Chapman</td> </tr> </table> | Jason Janowiak | Linda Koch | John Bentley | Evelyn Sengelaub | Greg McGavran | Laura and Bryan Sheffield | George Marsh | Martha Campbell | Roger Sattler | Jim Boehm | Bob Nelson | Jay Marsh | Tim Bergstrom | Gwen Baarstad | Barb Alldredge | Dale Williams | Susan Eldred | Ro Gregory | Erik Nielsen | John O'Neal | Kristin Lehoullier | John Wehmeyer | Nathan Carrick | Katie Verrill | Emmalee Sheffield | Suzie Anderson | Britta Baarstad | Family of Margaret Beery | Family of Syd Walston | Family of Steve Chapman |
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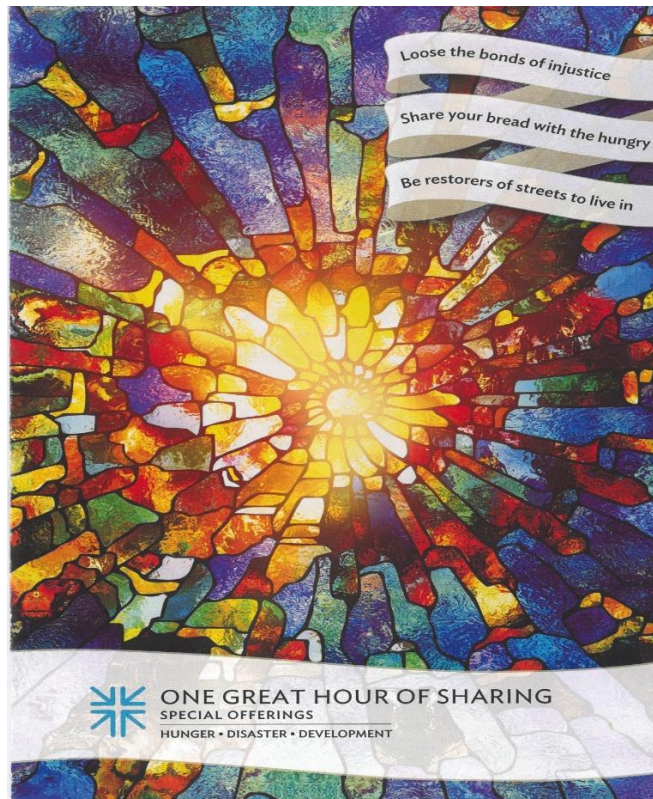


EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast

April 20 at 9AM


Sign up in the Gathering Space



Loose the bonds of injustice

Share your bread with the hungry

Be restorers of streets to live in

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT