

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019 10:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION "Part of the Plan" Sleeth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Jack Crews

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Repentance" Blake

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63: 1-4

Leader O God, you are my God, I seek you,
PEOPLE MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU, AS IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND WHERE THERE IS NO WATER.

Leader So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
PEOPLE BEHOLDING YOUR POWER AND GLORY.

Leader Because your steadfast love is better than life,
PEOPLE MY LIPS WILL PRAISE YOU.

Leader So I will bless you as long as I live;
PEOPLE I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS AND CALL ON YOUR NAME.

*PRAISE "King of Glory"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Ambrose of Milan (c. 339-397)*

Leader O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,
PEOPLE KINDLE IN ME THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Leader Take away from me the heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh

PEOPLE A HEART TO LOVE AND ADORE YOU,
Leader A heart to delight in you,
PEOPLE A HEART TO FOLLOW AND ENJOY YOU.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,
PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

PRAISE "If We Are the Body"

THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 2: 12-17

CHILDREN'S TIME Alan Luton

*HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 84

SECOND READING Luke 13: 1-9

SERMON *Vanity* Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "He's Got the Whole World/
This Is My Father's World" arr. Raney

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

SENDING

*PRAISE "On My Cross"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 379 (v.1)

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*THE PEACE
Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.
PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE "Postludium" Beethoven
"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SEASON ACTIVITIES & WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday afternoons (March 10– April 7)	11:30 a.m.	Soup and Salad Lunch
We will be having Soup & Salad Lunches. Sign-up sheets (look for the black book) are in the narthex for soups, salads, and bread – if you can help provide food for everyone to share, please use the sign-up sheets. If not, come anyway, we look forward to seeing you at this great fellowship time!		
Palm Sunday Sunday, April 14 th	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Choir Cantata Potluck Lunch *Please sign-up in the black book if you would like to bring food to share.
Maundy Thursday April 18 th	7:30 p.m. *note the time change	Traditional Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday April 21 st	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service Sunday School (**No youth or children's Sunday School) Worship Service Easter Brunch *Please sign-up in the black book if you can bring food to share.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is going bowling at the Indian Head Navy Base today after church and will bowl from 12:30 - 2:30. Families are welcome to attend, pizza will be provided, the bowling alley also has a snack bar. Questions ask Rev. Mark or James and Heather Kriebel

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Any and all items for the April edition of the Messenger (newsletter) need to be e-mailed to gspc@comcast.net by **today**.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 18th, Maundy Thursday -- a tenebrae service will be offered at 7:30PM, the word "**tenebrae**" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." Please note that the time for the service has changed to 7:30 PM, to ensure that the service will be after the sun has set. Please join us during this solemn and inspirational service as we recall the events leading to the crucifixion of our Savior.

All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery (for children kindergarten and below) down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Worship Service Notes

GSPC'S PHONE NUMBER

Session approved cancelling the phone line #301-843-1335 for GSPC. Cancelling the number is a cost cutting measure for the church. Back in the day the additional line was a way to cut long distance charges, today long distance charges are a thing of the past. As a result there is no reason to pay for two phone lines when one is enough – less is more in this case☺ Therefore the only phone number for the church is #301-645-4134.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Church is a place for all of God's children, especially the little ones. We have a nursery for children up to age 5. Our hope is that as children grow they will learn to participate in the worship experience, but we understand that sitting still for an hour might be a bit of a challenge. We have an activity table in the back of the sanctuary, where we have things to color and puzzles to work, while still being a part of our worshiping community. We encourage you to keep your kids with you for the first part of the service until children's time, after which they will be dismissed to the activity table, where they can sit quietly, or collect an activity basket and return to their seat. The table will be supervised by an adult volunteer, but we ask for parent's cooperation in helping the kids learn to be a part of our congregation.

FIRST READING **ECCLESIASTES 2: 12-17**

¹²So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the one do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done.

¹³Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. ¹⁴The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness.

Yet I perceived that the same fate befalls all of them. ¹⁵Then I said to myself, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also; why then have I been so very wise?" And I said to myself that this also is vanity. ¹⁶For there is no enduring remembrance of the wise or of fools, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How can the wise die just like fools?

¹⁷So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

SECOND READING **LUKE 13: 1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.
There are fellowship pads at the end of the row, please pass them, and sign them, so that you can learn the names of those who are sitting near you and so that they can know yours as well. Provide other information as desired. After the service, talk to old friends and meet some new ones.

We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

*Please be mindful that as we prepare for worship
we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.

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The flowers on the Retable this morning are
in loving memory of John Burian.

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Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* Ron and Lou Ann Gallegos (10:15); *Ushers:* Peggy Hancock (10:15); *Readers:* Michele Gaskill and Charlie Robinson (10:15); *Nursery Volunteers:* Henry Buntz and Caitlyn Gaskill; *Coffee Hour:* Doug and Laura Ellison/Lenten Lunch

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TODAY

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Lenten Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Goes Bowling at 12:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (March 25): 10:30 a.m. – Crafters
Tues. (March 26): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
Thurs. (March 28): 5:30 p.m. – Celebration Ringers
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

COMING SOON

Lenten Soup and Salad Lunches on Sundays March 31 – April 7 at 11:30 AM
Choir Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 14th at 10:15 AM
Potluck Lunch on Palm Sunday, April 14th
Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion & Tenebrae on April 18th at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday, April 21st
Easter Brunch following the 10:15 Worship Service



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Jill Buntz (2019)	Beverly Tallmadge (2021)
Loann Burian (2020)	Jack Tuttle (2021)
Jack Crews (2019)	Sandy Webb (2021)

“King of Glory”

Who is this King of glory that pursues me with his love,
And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words?
My conscience a reminder of forgiveness that I need.
Who is this King of glory who offers it to me?

Chorus:

**His name is Jesus, precious Jesus.
Lord Almighty, King of my heart,
King of glory.**

Who is this King of angels oh blessed Prince of Peace?
Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries.
My spirit's ever longing for His grace in which to stand
Who is this King of glory, Son of God and Son of Man?

Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty
And wisdom beyond measure? The gracious King of Kings.
The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things.
He is this King of glory! He's everything to me.

The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things.
He is the King of glory! He's everything to me!

“If We Are the Body”

It's crowded in worship today,
as she slips in trying to fade into the faces
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know
Farther than they know

**But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words
teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way, there is a way?**

A traveler is far away from home;
He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances tells him that his chances
Are better off on the road

Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose who should
come.
And we are the body of Christ.
Jesus is the way.

“On My Cross”

How wide is Your love, that You would
stretch Your arms and go around the World!
And why for me would a savior's cry be heard?
I don't know why You went where I was meant to go
I don't know why You love me so.

CHORUS

**Those were my nails, that was my crown
that pierced Your hands, and Your brow.
Those were my thorns, those were my scorns,
those were my tears that fell down.**

**And just as You said it would be,
You did it all for me!
And after You counted the cost,
You took my shame, my blame,
On my cross!**

How deep is Your grace that You could
see my need and choose to take my place.
And then for me, these words I'd hear You say:
“Father no! Forgive them for they know not what they do.
I will go because I love them so.”
(repeat chorus twice)