

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. McKibben

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One Jesus, you have raised us from the dead!

ALL WE SIT HERE AT YOUR TABLE.

One We do not know how to respond,

ALL WE BRING WHAT WE FEEL IS VALUABLE.

One The Glory is not in the worth of what we bring,

**ALL THE GLORY IS IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
RESPONDING TO YOUR LOVE.**

One Our offering may be misunderstood by many,

ALL BUT NOT BY YOU, OUR BELOVED LORD.

*HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" No. 505

CALL TO CONFESSION Unison

Lord, we can be so lost that we take offense at a gesture of love.

We can be so hurt that we resent another for being healed. We can

be so trapped by our own sin that we resent a voice calling us to

freedom. We can be so intimidated by the void that we do not feel

your loving arms hold us. Jesus, teach us to recognize true faith, to

appreciate healing, and to embrace freedom. Remind us that your

grace and truth hold us in everlasting, holy love.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43: 16-21

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 12: 1-8

SERMON *Meaning* Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 379

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" arr. McKibben

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Peace of Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER EVENT HOSTED BY THE YOUTH OF GSPC

The Youth will be hosting the dinner that had to be postponed on Valentine's Day. We will be sticking with the French food theme. The new date is April 10, 2022, dinner will begin at 6:00, the youth of GSPC will be providing top quality cuisine, service and entertainment. Reservations are required, cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Sign up in the narthex to reserve your spot.

HELPING UKRANIAN REFUGEES

The Children in the Son mission in Romania has a house, called Agape House, where teenage Roma boys were living while they attended school in the city. Since the boys are now attending virtually from their homes, they are not using the house. When the refugees from Ukraine started coming to Romania, the mission decided to help by housing refugee families there - some for just a day as they traveled further west, and some for longer periods. They need support for this, as the people coming were not able bring much with them, so money for food and other needs would be greatly appreciated and will go directly to their support. If you would like to help, please bring or send a check made out to GSPC with "Children in the Son, Ukraine Refugees" on the memo line by Palm Sunday, 10 April.

UPDATE ON COVID PRECAUTIONS

Many organizations, including the public school system, have recently changed their policy to make masks optional. We are also looking towards taking that step, however, Session has decided to wait for several weeks before we make the move, to see if infection rates begin climbing. We are planning on making masks optional on April 10, Palm Sunday. This move is contingent upon available data and is always subject to your individual decision. Keep in mind that singing is an activity that presents a higher than normal risk of transmission, but is something we very much want to continue, especially through Holy week and Easter.

With similar caution we are also planning to have social time following the services beginning on Palm Sunday. We will be offering prepackaged snacks and coffee in the Narthex after worship beginning on Palm Sunday.

As with all activities during the pandemic, we hold these plans lightly, but with hopefulness.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 7 PM.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43: 16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

SECOND READING: JOHN 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

TODAY

Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Tues. (April 5): 9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study
10:30 AM – Crafters
Wed. (April 6): 11:00 AM – Zoom Bible Study

COMING SOON

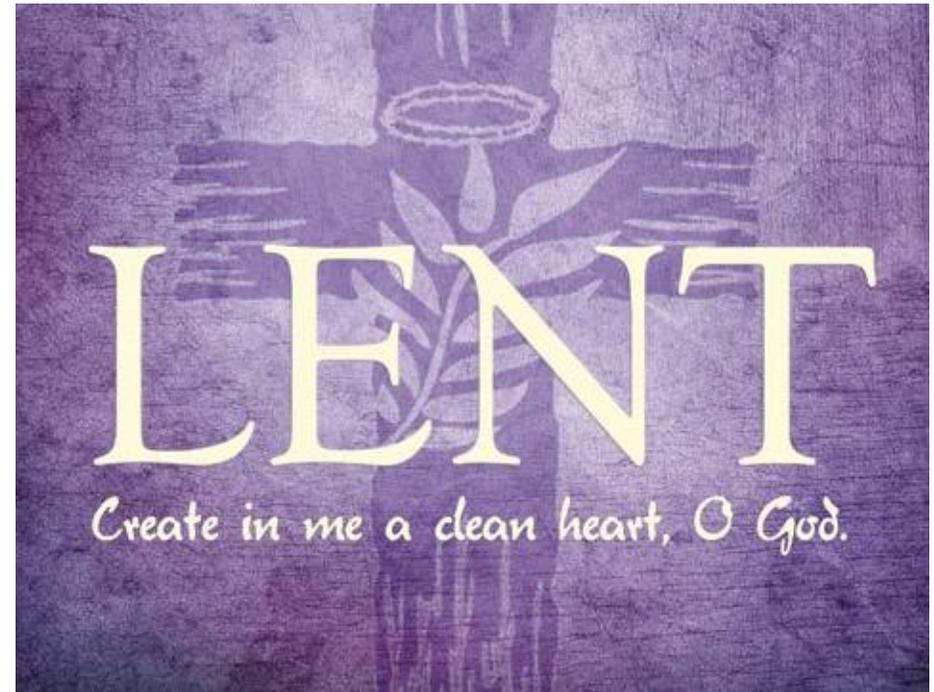
Palm Sunday – April 10th

Dinner Hosted by the Youth on Sunday, April 10th at 6 PM

Maundy Thursday Service – April 14th at 7 PM

Easter Sunday – April 17th

Worship Service Notes



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