



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
February 18, 2024

“Here, where time is fulfilled, where God’s Kingdom is as near
to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent:
with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears,
with the God who will not let go of our hands.”
–Thom Schuman

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

- PRELUDE** Alli Feszko
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor Bob Goossen
- GATHERING SONG** “Seek Ye First” (vss 1&2) 175
- *PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison) Liturgist Rayna Knox
God of all love, here on the outer edges of Lent, we come to
encounter You. Here You dance with us, in baptismal waters
soaking our knees, when desert dust chokes our hymns.
You dance with us, Precious Savior, in jail cells and courtrooms,
on the journey to death, and striding forth from the tomb:
you dance with us, God who is Gentle Spirit.
May You bless our holy dance which is our worship today. Amen
- *HYMN** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” 20

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Have mercy on us, living Lord, Remember not our sin.
According to your steadfast love Come, cleanse us deep within.
Our sin and guilt are heavy Lord, And evil in your sight
Against you only have we sinned; Your judgement, Lord, is right.

So come and purify our lives, Our hearts with love redeem.
Restore us to Your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, make us clean
Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: What can sustain us in the days to come, what will
nourish us on our Lenten journey? Look, here is the
food we need: God’s Love, God’s Word, God’s Hope.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

***RESPONSE** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s Love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON “Never Again”

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We believe in a covenanting God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people
called to respect and support one another through joys and
tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land"
of God's future.

***SONG** "God of the Sparrow"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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. Lead
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERING

***RESPONSE** "Lenten Doxology" (tune Old 100th)

Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG "What Wondrous Love"

What wondrous love is this, o my soul, o my soul!
What wondrous love is this, o my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse of my soul

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***POSTLUDE**

FIRST
SUNDAY



IN
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

- Children 3yrs - 6th grade during worship
- Adult class at 9am

Tuesday, February 20–Manna at 5:15

Wednesday, February 21–Story Time @10am

Wednesday, February 21–A Lenten Bible Study, ‘Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul’ begins. Dinner is at 5:30 and study is at 6:30. (Sign up sheet on bulletin board next to Pastor Bob’s office)

Lenten Mission Project- Join us in reaching our goal of \$3000 to provide a well and access to clean water for a community abroad, as well as to donate to a water bank in Butler County, providing clean water for more than 40 families without access. You can give during the children’s collections **(today and March 24)**, by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.

A big thank you to the gentlemen accompanying the choir this morning!

Trumpets: Wasso Kozlina III, Daniel Palmer, Dr. Todd Goodman

Trombones: Tim Klein, Tim Davis, Danny DeSantis

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Don Habedank (Shirley Fluharty’s brother), Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass’s friend), David Alexander (Shirley Fluharty’s son-in-law), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha

In the Military: Don Sanders, William Barth, Kelly Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Lois Davie, Willa Kocher, Maude Williams, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Roberta Smith, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Lois Dancer, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

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