

***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
March 17, 2024

“There’s only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you’ll reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.”

-Frederick Buechner

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bob Goossen

***SONG OF PRAISE** “Step by Step” 743

***LITANY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE** Liturgist Chris Mathias

Leader: Holy and ever present God, you release us from fear’s grip and wrap us in a comforting shawl of grace.

People: We give you thanks!

Leader: Healing Word, we see worries slowly crawling toward us, but you take us by the hand leading us to the table of hope, where we can join our sisters and brothers.

People: We give you thanks and praise!

Leader: Spirit of Serenity, we are anxious for the time when we can jump back into life without any thought or concern. You put your hand upon us, calming our too-eager impulses, focusing us on being kind and loving disciples.

All: God in community, we give you thanks and praise! Amen

***HYMN** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” 35

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In our Lenten pilgrimage we are assured of the love that forever enfolds us...the grace that perpetually upholds us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (remain seated)

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

CHILDREN’S CHAT

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:20-33

SERMON “A Rollercoaster of a Forecast”

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

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

For freedom Christ has set us free
to love all people as equals,
equally created in the image of our loving God.
For freedom Christ has set us free
to do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with our God.
For freedom Christ has set us free
that the Spirit might move mightily within us

FIFTH SUNDAY



IN LENT

and among us and through us.

For freedom Christ has set us free

that the fruits of the Spirit—joy, peace, patience, kindness,
honesty, faithfulness and gentleness shall abound.

For freedom Christ has set us free

that in the fullness of his love we may embrace others
and be fully embraced by them.

***SONG** “How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord”

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PONDERING GENEROSITY

Andrew Honess

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine
is the kingdom and 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”

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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**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

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

Monday, March 18–Deborah Circle Bible Study @6:30pm

Tuesday, March 19–Presbytery Meeting at Calvin Church @6pm

Wednesday March 20–Story Time @10am

Wednesday, March 20–**A Lenten Bible Study**, ‘Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul’. Dinner is at 5:30 and study is at 6:30.

Thursday, March 21–Choir rehearsal @ 7pm

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 **(through March 24)**, by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 10 AM

The Passion Story in Scripture and Song

Maundy Thursday Communion

March 28, 7 PM

At Concord Church with friends from New Sewickley,
One in Christ and Ohio Presbyterian Churches

Available online at concordpreschurch.org

Click worship on Youtube link

Easter Alleluias

March 31, 10 AM

Celebrating the Joy of Our Risen Lord

You are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service
at 6:30am on the hill beside Concord Presbyterian Church

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, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Lois Dancer, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)
CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak
Denise Mathias, Ken Jones
CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni
Eleanor Pike, Corinna Petrell

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members
(Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Custodian: Monica Ward

Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

CLASS OF 2024: Gina Arzberger (2T), Rayna Knox

Paul Magee (2T), Wendi Rybicki

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Markish