March 17, 2024

10 AM

Sanctuary
5th Sunday in Lent

"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 3: 13, 14

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world. Amen. May it be so.

*HYMN – No. 353

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (Time of silence and reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

*SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

And also with you.

(Please exchange, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE AND THE WORLD

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Kathy Loy

Dear Lord, O God, our helper, by your Holy Spirit in this day, open our minds as the Scriptures are read.

May your Word alone be proclaimed as You lead us into truth and teach us your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson – Psalm 51: 1-12

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 5: 5-15

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

Gospel Lesson - Mark 13: 1-37

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

Thanks be to you O Christ; Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Time Will Come, Be Alert"

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you as the heavens are joyful, and the earth is glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, so to bless us.

We give thanks for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his people, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

Send to us your Holy Spirit that, being made one with Christ, we may be one with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory. Amen.

***HYMN** – No. 608

"Doxology"

PRAISE GOD

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Wording)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 360

"Christ Is Coming"

UNSER HERRSCHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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As Saint Andrew we are called to worship, serve God, reflect the love of Christ and grow in our discipleship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 pm. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday so we can have a meal for you. Let us know if you would like it packaged to go. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week is pork tenderloin, sides, salad, dessert, and drink.

A Lenten vespers and prayers service will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. after WNL dinner through the end of March.

A **Session meeting** will be held on March 19 at 4 p.m.

The **Women's Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, March 28, at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is Easter, March 31st, 2024. The money raised is used to address hunger, disaster, and development. Minutes for Mission will be shared during worship on February 25th, March 10th, and March 24th.

Lilies are available to purchase for \$10.00 each to adorn the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loved ones for Easter. Order forms are in the church narthex.

Our Maundy Thursday Worship will be on March 28 at Alpine Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m.

The Good Friday Worship will be on March 29, at First Presbyterian Church, at 6 p.m.

Easter Sunrise will be March 31, held at the Memorial Garden Chapel at 7:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. following Sunrise Service and before Spiritual Study Classes. Please bring a breakfast dish to share!

Easter Celebration Worship will be at 10 a.m., with the CUMC sharing in our Worship.