

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024



The 40 days of Lent are a season for reflection as we slow down, take more time, embrace intentionality, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

INTROIT

O Holy One

O Holy One, we gather in your presence. O Living One, we welcome all to hope.



O Holy One, the Covenant of History. O Living One, we live and move in you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid to answer God's call to discipleship.

What does the call require?

Letting go of our life as we know it.

Following the way of the cross.

Aligning our souls with God.

We step out in faith by losing our life to save it.

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

We will answer the call, unashamed and unafraid.

HYMN 65 | STANDING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to walk in righteousness,
but we continually fail to live according to your call.

We demand justice, but refuse to help create it.

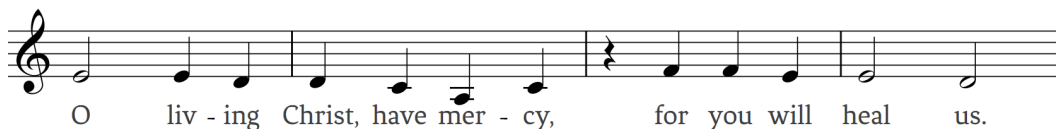
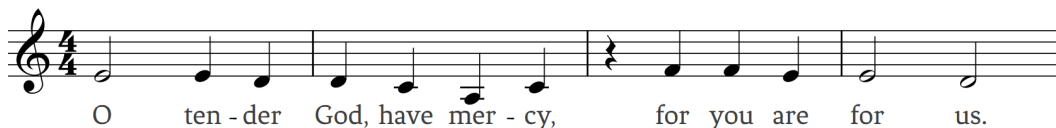
We are complicit in the world's wickedness,
and our feeble attempts at righteousness fall flat.

We do not deserve your blessings,
yet you are faithful still.

Renew our wayward hearts,
and reform our ways,

that we might walk before you
and be blameless in your sight.

Silence is kept for personal confession.



O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,
for you are for us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

our sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Psalm 51

Cre - ate in me_ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve_ you.

Cre - ate in me_ a clean heart, O God, that I may be re - newed.

So fill__ me and heal__ me, and bring me_back to__ you.

Cre - ate in me,_ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve_ you.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

COVENANT STORY

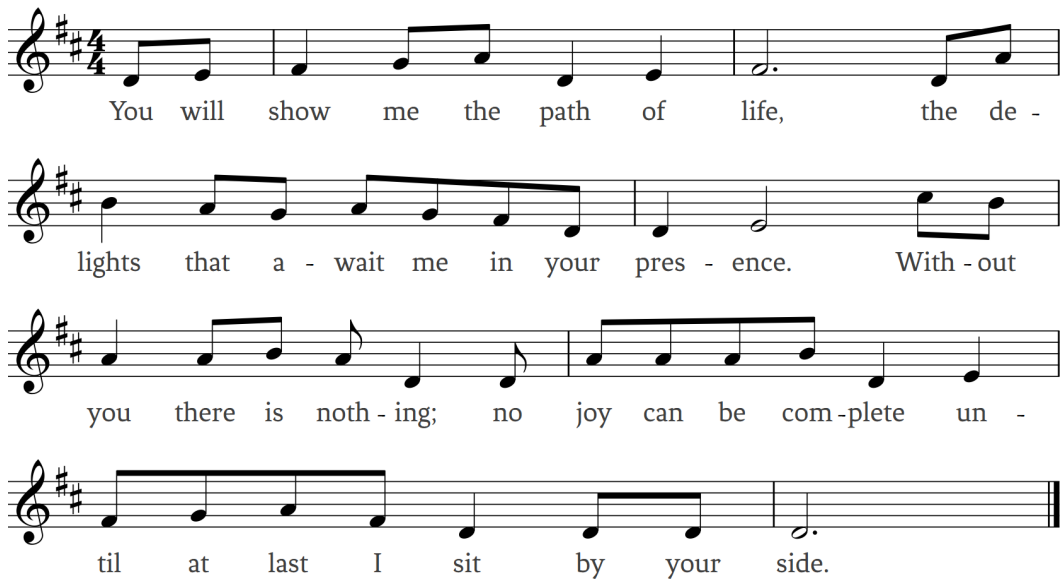
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16:1-2, 7-10



The musical notation is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "You will show me the path of life, the de - lights that a - wait me in your pres - ence. With - out you there is noth - ing; no joy can be com - plete un - til at last I sit by your side."

O God, you are my refuge, do not turn me away; I say, "You are my God."
Without you there can be no good. (refrain)

I will bless the Lord who guides me even in my sleep; my face is turned to God.
With the Lord at my side I shall stand firm. (refrain)

My heart exults, my spirit sings, even my body trusts in you;
for you will not abandon my soul to death, not let me sink into the grave. (refrain)

EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Children (K-5) are dismissed to go to Sunday School follow the scripture readings.
They may be picked up from their classrooms following worship.*

SERMON

“Power of Promise”

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Walk by Faith

Ensemble

We walk by faith and not by sight;
although no gracious words we hear
from Christ who spoke as no one ever spoke,
we still believe that he is near.

We cannot touch his hands and side,
nor follow where our Master trod;
but still, by faith, in his promise we rejoice,
and still proclaim, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith renewed abound,
that we may call on you whenever you are near,
and ever seek where you are found.

Thus, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clear and perfect light
we may behold our Savior face to face,
and know in full with endless sight.

We walk by faith until that day
when faith shall be made sight.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

Adapted from *Our World Belongs to God*
Christian Reformed Church

**We believe God keeps covenant forever.
Our world,
broken and scarred,
still belongs to God,
who holds it together with fierce love
and gives us hope.
God did not turn away
from a world bent on destruction
but turned to face it in love.
With patience and tender care,
the Lord set out
on the long road of redemption,
reconciling the world to God,
and creating a new covenant community.
In this community,
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start,
the despised are esteemed,
the least are honored,
and the last are first.
Here the Spirit guides
and grace abounds.
Thanks be to God!**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

MOMENT FOR CREATIVITY

(sung to the tune "Jesus Love Me")

Abraham and Sarah heard
God's surprising, joyful word:
God would give them land and more:
children they had long hoped for.

God, you are faithful.
God, you are faithful.
God, you are faithful.
Your covenant is love!

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

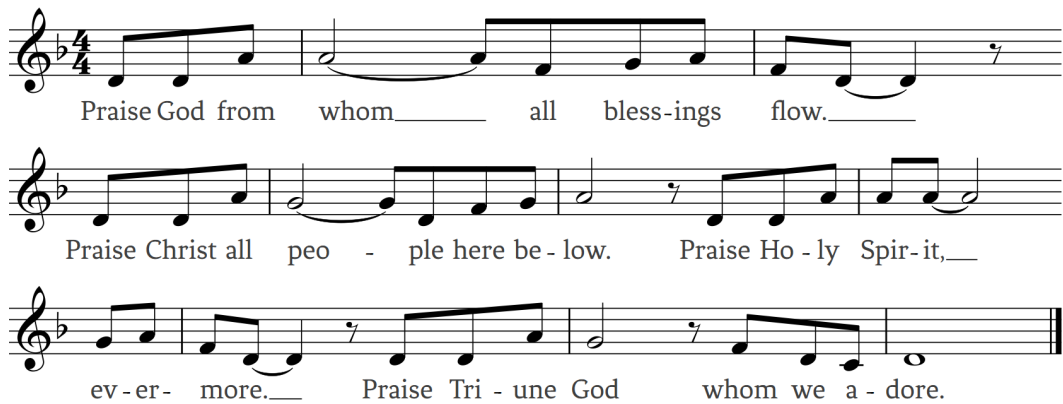
MUSICAL OFFERING

Bound for the Promised Land

Warren Oja, cello

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye;
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me?
All o'er those wide-extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

DOXOLOGY | STANDING



Praise God from whom _____ all bless-ings flow. _____

Praise Christ all peo - ple here be - low. Praise Ho - ly Spir - it, _____

ev - er - more. _____ Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Sarah and Abraham,

we thank you that your promise to walk with them
has lasted through generations and spanned nations.

**We thank you for naming us as your children,
heirs of the promise.**

Use these gifts we now offer
to bless the world you so love,
and to provide hope for those in despair.
Amen.

SENDING

HYMN | STANDING

Faith Begins by Letting Go



1. Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2. Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's
3. Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - gri - mage both
pro - mise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts: till we find the

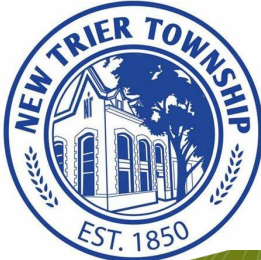


right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - ses but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

POSTLUDE

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP FOOD DRIVE



- COOKIES & CRACKERS
- GRANOLA BARS
- COOKING OIL
- SALAD DRESSING
- BROWN AND WHITE RICE MIXES
- PASTA SAUCE
- JELLY (ALL FLAVORS)
- TOOTHPASTE
- MOUTHWASH
- SHAMPOO
- SOAP AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

Just bring any of the following items to church throughout the Lenten season and place them in the bins provided.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to help fill the sanctuary with flowers for Easter Sunday (and the Easter season), please fill out this form and return it by Sunday, March 24.

In loving memory _____

In honor _____

In thanksgiving _____

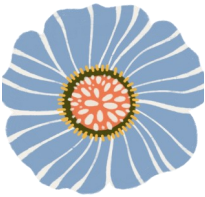
Given by _____

Donation Amount _____



people of the
COVENANT

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14 @ 8-9AM / 12-1PM

Lent begins early this year. Ashes will be distributed in the roundabout outside the church office between 8-9am and 12-1pm. Drive through anytime to begin your Lenten journey.



WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS

BEGINNING FEB 21 @ 5:45PM-7PM

You're invited for soup and conversation on the Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13 and 20). Soup will be provided by a different WPC group each week.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

BEGINNING FEB 25 @ 11:15AM-12:15AM

Join us following worship on the Sundays in Lent (Feb 25, March 10, 17 and 24) for an engaging video series on "The Historical Jesus."



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY / MARCH 24 @ 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY / MARCH 28 @ 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY / MARCH 29 @ 7PM

Come and remember the last days of Jesus through scripture, music, and sacrament during this most holy week.



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 @ 10AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: WED @ 5:45PM

You're invited each Wednesday in Lent from 5:45-7pm for soup and conversation.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS TODAY

Come and learn more about *The Historical Jesus* during Lent. This adult class will be held in Conference Room B following worship on Feb 25, and March 10, 17, and 24)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be NEXT SUNDAY, March 3, immediately following worship. The annual report will be emailed this week.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: Nancy Holly
Lector: Scott Martin, Karen Tokmakoff
Prayer Leader: Karen Tokmakoff
Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,
Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld,
Warren Oja

Music reprinted under onelicense.net #A-718077 and Licensing #L22162 / *O Holy One* and *O Tender God, Have Mercy* by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan © 2004 This Here Music / *Psalm 16 The Path of Life* Scott Soper. © 1992, Scott Soper. Published by OCP / *We Walk By Faith* text: Henry Alford (1844); music by Mark Hill, arr by Mary McDonald © 2013 Lorenz Publishing / *Faith Begins By Letting Go* Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr © 1996 Hope Publishing; Tune: James Montgomery, 1820, REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.7

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1255 Willow Road | Winnetka, IL 60093 | 847-446-7777 | office@winnpres.org | www.winnpres.org

Rev. Paul Gilmore, Pastor | paul@winnpres.org

Geoff Duffy, Director of Music, Associate Director of Worship | geoff@winnpres.org

Nancy Holly, Director of Children's Ministry, Youth Coordinator | nancy@winnpres.org

Greg Hartfield, Custodian | greg@winnpres.org

Madeline Weston, Director of Office Management Ministries | office@winnpres.org

Rev. Phyllis Beattie, Parish Associate

