# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

# WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 4, 2024

# **GATHERING**

PRELUDE There Is a Balm

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

INTROIT Calm to the Waves





CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 40

Those who have grown weary: come!

Those who feel faint: come!

Those who feel exhausted: come!

You shall soar as on eagles' wings.

Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The Creator waits to lift you,

love you,

and renew your strength.

Come, let us worship God!

# HYMN 35 | STANDING

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wholeness,

we come to you knowing we are broken

but reluctant to be made whole.

We confess that we often fear your healing touch

and what it might mean to be made well.

We are comfortable in our brokenness

because it is familiar.

Yet, deep in our souls,

healing is what we long for.

Forgive our failings,

bind up our wounds,

and mend our hurts.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**RESPONSE** Bless Adonai



# WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:21-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE Hope in Me

Have you not known me from the beginning? Have you not heard it since life began? I am the everlasting Creator, heaven and earth sprang forth from my hand.

Hope in me and you will be strengthened; run every race and I will revive.

Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles; hope in me, for I am God.

Look at the sky and try to imagine who could have formed the stars and the sun. All you can see, and more that is hidden, I chose their orbits, I named each one.

Although it seems your pathways are hidden, I will bring peace to the future you dread. I made the earth, the seas, and the heavens; I can give strength for what lies ahead.

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Good Will Hunting

Rev. Paul Gilmore

# SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

# **THANKSGIVING**

## CENTSABILITY OFFERING / OFFERING

After the offering is gathered, all stand and sing as the bread and juice are brought to the table.

# **OFFERING SONG | STANDING**



# INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

# **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Ever-living God,

we have known and we have heard

that you are the Creator of the ends of the earth.

You give power to the faint and strength to the powerless.

When your people grew weary

you lifted them up in Christ with wings like eagles,

and when we are exhausted

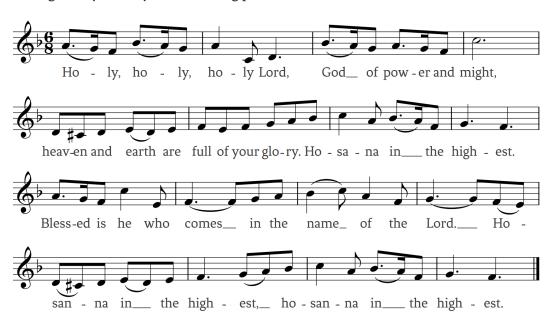
you send your Holy Spirit

so that we may walk and run in your strength.

And so, with all creation,

and with the company of heaven,

we sing the hymn of your unending praise...



With this bread and cup we remember Jesus,
his teaching and healing,
his living and dying,
his rising and ascending.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be a communion of the body and blood of Christ,
and that we may become a sign of your grace,
a source of your joy,
and a witness of your peace.

Send your Holy Spirit into our world... end all war and hostilities,

especially in Gaza, Israel, Iran, and Ukraine;

mend your broken earth;

infuse us with your peace, rooted in justice;

heal those who suffer in body or in spirit,

especially Joanne, Terry, David and Rebeca, Buddy and Jan, Barbara, and Jack; and comfort those who mourn.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, Holy God, in your church, by your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

#### 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.

The congregation is seated.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,

placing your cups in the baskets provided.

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God** *or* **Amen** The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God** *or* **Amen** 

# **COMMUNION SONG**

Healer of Our Every Ill





give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still un-
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth er, ev ery sis ter, ev ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts. fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love. broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide. heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served,
help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed,
help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved,
help us to love the world,
because in Christ Jesus,
you have loved us.
Amen.

# **SENDING**

HYMN 516 | STANDING

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

**P**OSTLUDE





#### **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 3, 10 and 17) 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**

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the collection box.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST: NEXT SUNDAY

Celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes served by the Senior High Youth of WPC! Tickets are on sale today in the atrium.

# HOT COCOA SOCIAL: FEB 13 @ 3:30-5PM

Everyone welcome to come by WPC for some homemade hot chocolate and treats for Fat Tuesday. Games for kids and adults. Make a valentine for someone special.

## DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES: FEB 14

Ashes will be distributed in the roundabout outside the church office between 8-9am and 12-1pm on February 14.

#### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEB 21

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS FEB 25

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 3, 10 and 17.

# SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly

Ushers: Christina & Clark Swartz Oskielunas,

Charlie Reis

Lectors: River and Isaac Lewis

Communion: Annabelle and Ella Witt Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld

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