

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2024



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Triptych of Three Lenten Hymns

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

INTROIT

Bring All Your Brokenness

The cantor sings once; then all repeat.

Bring all your brok-en-ness, you who are wear-y, re-turn to
me with all your heart. Bring all your car-ry-ing, weep ing and
mourn-ing, and you will find rest for you souls.

For I am gracious, and abounding in steadfast love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is rich in mercy.

By God's mercy, we are created.

By God's mercy, we know Jesus.

By God's mercy, we have been saved.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven.

**By God's mercy, we are alive
through the death of Christ
and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship the God of mercy!

HYMN | STANDING

God Loved the World



1. God loved_ the world so that he gave the
2. Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who
3. God would_ not have the sin - ner die; God's
4. Be of___ good cheer, for God's own Son for -



on - ly Son the lost___ to save,___ that
was made flesh and suf - fered death;___ all
Son with sav - ing grace___ is nigh.___ The
gives all sins that you___ have done.___ You're



all who would in Christ___ be - lieve should
who con - fide in Christ___ a - lone are
Spir - it in the Word___ de - clares that
jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood; bap -



ev - er - last - ing life_____ re - ceive.
built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
we, in Christ, are heav - en's heirs.
tized, you are a child_____ of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHORAL CONFESSION OF SIN

When we act as though your gospel cannot change us,
we're deceived although your truth has set us free.

For the days that we lose hope despite your goodness,
forgive us, Lord.

For the time you run to us with arms extended,
but we pass you like a stranger on the street.

We want status, so we fail to be your servant.

Forgive us, Lord.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and rich in love.

And he has carried all our sorrows,
and with his wounds delivered us.

For the bread and broken body unremembered.

The forgotten sins that cost you everything.

For the smallness of our faith when you're so faithful,

Forgive us, Lord.

For excuses that disguise a heart that's wicked,
for the darkness we love more than your light;
we are guilty of devotion that is shallow.

Forgive us, Lord.

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!

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

COVENANT STORY

Numbers 21:4-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

When All Thy Mercies
(inspired by Psalm 25:6)

Verse 1: Soloist

Verses 2-4: Congregation



1. When all thy mer - cies, O___ my God, my
2. Un - num - bered com - forts to___ my soul thy
3. When worn with sick - ness, oft___ hast thou with
4. Through ev - 'ry per - iod of___ my life, thy



ris - ing soul_ sur - veys,___ trans - port - ed with the
ten - der care_ be - stowed,___ be - fore my in - fant
health re - newed my face,___ and when in sins and
good - ness I'll_ pur - sue,___ and af - ter death, in



view, I'm lost in won - der, love, and praise.____
heart_ could know from whom those com - forts flowed.____
sor - rows bowed, re - vived_ my soul_ with grace.____
dis - tant worlds, the glo - rious theme re - new.____

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

An MRI of the Soul

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Sparrow's Song

Ensemble

“I will build my nest in the arms of the tree,” sang the sparrow soft and low.

“The cross that stands upon the hill will keep me safe, I know.

For the tree will be a shelter strong, a tower high above,
a place where I can sing my song and know that I am loved.”

“I will build my nest in the arms of the tree that held the Lord of life,
the Keeper of all fragile things, the One who gave me flight.

For he sees me when on clouds I soar; he hears me when I sing;
he holds me close through every storm. I am safe beneath his wings.

Tree of mercy, tree of grace, in your shadow there is hope.

Tree of comfort, tree of life, in your branches I am home.”

“I will take my rest at the foot of the tree,” said the sinner tired and worn.

“Beneath the cross of Calvary is where I'll make my home.

For the cross will be my tower of strength, a sacred hiding place.

And in love's shadow I will fall and give myself to grace.”

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")

God so loved this world we know,
sending Jesus here below
to fulfill God's loving plan,
made for us when life began.

God, you are faithful.

God, you are faithful.

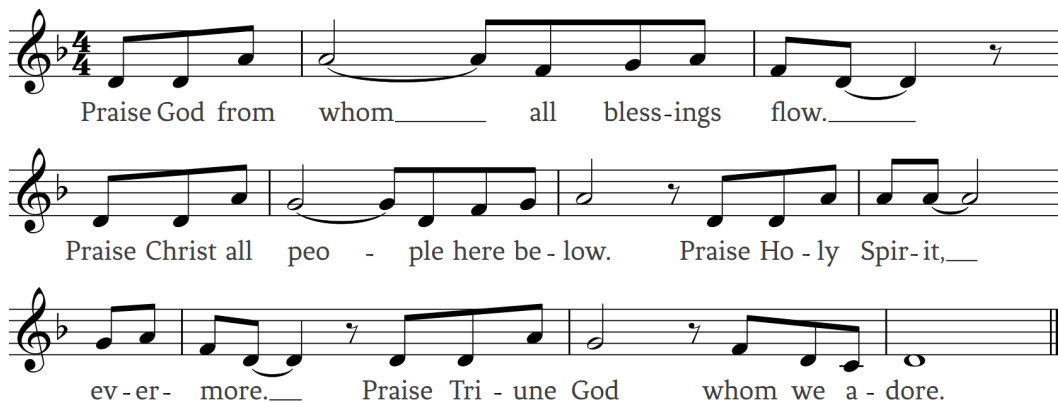
God, you are faithful.

Your covenant is love!

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY | STANDING



Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ all people here below. Praise Holy Spirit,

ever-more. Praise Tri-une God whom we adore.

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.

Holy God,

when we have strayed from your ways –

we thank you for giving us the chance to change direction.

When our choices have been driven by selfishness –

we thank you for your forgiveness.

When we have heeded the chatter of the world rather than obeying your Word –

we thank you for your patience with us.

As your Son offered his life for us,

help us to offer our gifts and resources

to bring about healing and salvation

in this world you so love. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 829 | STANDING

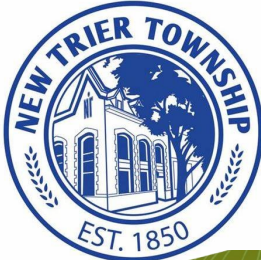
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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 _____

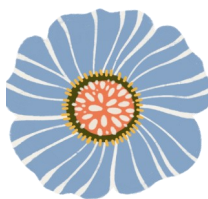
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LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024



WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:45PM-7PM

You're invited for soup and conversation on the Wednesdays in Lent.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 11:15AM-12:15AM

Join us following worship on the Sundays in Lent for an engaging video series on "The Historical Jesus."



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY / MARCH 24 @ 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY / MARCH 28 @ 7PM

Remember the Last Supper of Jesus with a Holy Communion service under the balcony.



GOOD FRIDAY / MARCH 29 @ 7PM

We will be worshipping together with members from the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, St. James the Less Episcopal Church, and Northfield Community Church. **The service will be held at St. James (550 Sunset Ridge Rd, Northfield).** We are excited about this joint worship opportunity with our neighbors. Our musicians, pastor, and music director will be helping with this special service.



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

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the central week of our life as Christians. It is the week that we recall through scripture, music, ritual, and sacrament the last days of Jesus. Be sure to set aside time to join us for worship...

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Worship and Palm Procession

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Festival Worship with Holy Communion

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: WED @ 5:45PM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION TODAY

The Historical Jesus in Conference Room B.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lector: Sherri Lewis, Barbara Scott

Prayer Leader: Sherri Lewis

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld,

Warren Oja

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