SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 2024



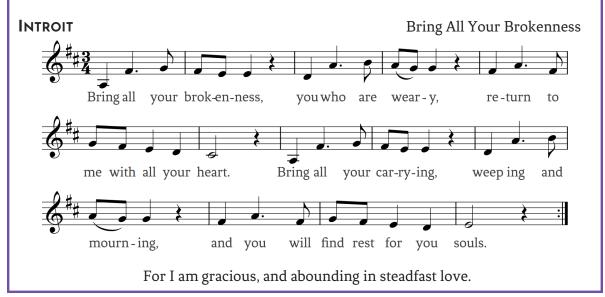
GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Cross of Jesus

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION



GATHERING PRAYER

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, write your law of love on our hearts this day. Open our lives to new ways of faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness. As we enter your presence, we offer you our worship, with hearts full of hope, remembering the promises you have made to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN 53 | STANDING

O God, Who Gives Us Life



CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

COVENANT STORY

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Cantor sings first; then all repeat.



EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51

Children (K-6) are dismissed to go to Sunday School follow the scripture readings. They may be picked up from their classrooms following worship.

SERMON

THE CARDIOLOGIST GOD

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

A Broken Heart Ensemble

When my prayers rise from a prayerless heart, when my praise is but a praiseless sound, Lord, call to me from your blood-stained cross, where mercy flows and your grace abounds.

Keep me clinging to the cross, where you were made sin for me. Touch in love my broken heart. Heal, restore, and set me free.

When I am weak and by sin weighed down, beneath the cross my soul finds rest. My broken heart by your blood is healed, and lifted up by your righteousness.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

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

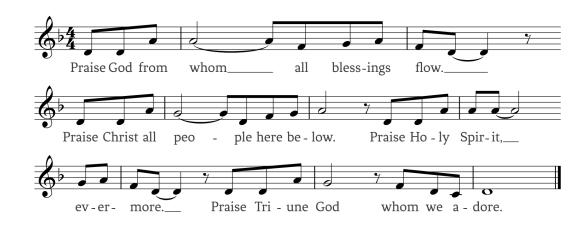
(sung to the tune "Jesus Love Me") Jeremiah came to know: God would help us change and grow. So God's law would fill each heart, giving us a fresh, new start.

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Poured Out For You



DOXOLOGY | STANDING

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.

Lord God,

intimately close,

known by each one of us,

yet greater by far than we can ever imagine,

we praise you.

For entering into covenant relationship with us,

we praise you.

For sending Jesus to show us how to love,

we praise you.

For all the good in our lives,

we praise you.

Hold us close to your heart, O God, keep us faithful as we follow Jesus to the cross, and use these gifts to bring about healing and salvation in this world you so love. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 833 | STANDING

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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 theEaster season), please fill out this form and return it by Sunday, March 24.

In loving memory
In honor
In thanksgiving
Given by
Donation Amount

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28 @ 7PM UNDER THE BALCONY

• Remember the Last Supper of Jesus with music and holy communion around the Table of the Lord

HOLY

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 @ 7PM ST. JAMES THE LESS EPISCOPAL

- Ponder the crucifixion of Jesus with prayer and music around the Cross of Christ
- We will worship together with members of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension and St. James the Less Episcopal Church.

EASTER SUNDAY March 31 @ 10am Sanctuary

- Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with a festival worship service
- Rejoice with choral music, baptismal waters, and holy communion
- Easter reception and egg hunt following worship
- Children remain in worship with their families

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

PALM SUNDAY / MARCH 24 @ 10AM Worship and Palm Procession

MAUNDY THURSDAY / MARCH 28 @ 7PM Holy Communion under the balcony

GOOD FRIDAY / MARCH 29 @ 7PM

We will be worshipping together with members from Lutheran Church of the Ascension and St. James the Less Episcopal 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.

SING IN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER

Calling all singers! We will have one choir rehearsal at 8:30am on Easter Sunday morning. If you would like to sing on Easter, just let Geoff know so he can send you the music ahead of time. Everyone is welcome!

EASTER SUNDAY / MARCH 31 @ 10AM

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: Phyllis Beattie, David Holly Prayer Leader: David Holly Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch, Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld

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