



March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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***Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a
Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need,
Growing through Service to Others***

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The *Prelude* offers time for us to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for worship – God is here; we need to bring ourselves to worship as God already has.

The *light of the candles* symbolizes the presence of God and Jesus as light of the world.

We Gather

The Life of the Church

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” Purple #183 v. 1, 3
v. 1 *“Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.”*
v. 3 *“Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”*

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

***Call to Worship** (responsive) 1 Sam. 16:7, John 9:5, Eph. 5:8-9

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

***Hymn of Praise** “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” Purple # 394 v. 1, 2

***Call to Confession** Eph. 5:8-10

As children of God’s light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is

hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

***Prayer of Confession** (unison) John 3:19, Eph. 5:12, John 9:21-22; Eph. 5:9, 14b

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Ps. 23:6; Eph. 5:8b; 14b

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

All: We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

After confessing our sin, we hear the good news that God forgives us in the *Assurance of Pardon*. We then stand and sing the *Gloria Patri* in praise of God's forgiveness.

***Congregational Response**

"Gloria Patri"

Red # 622

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; World without end. Amen. Amen.

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)

We Hear the Word

Special Music

Theme from Schindler's List

Violin solo

Pew Conversation

We are continuing our pew conversations in the theme of our Lenten worship kits – the emotions of Lent. Our emotion for this week is despair. What hope from scripture do we find in times of despair? How can we support one another?

Sung Response

“Jesus Calls”

Pew Insert

Jesus calls and wants us all to spread love everywhere.

Helping one another is the way we show we care.

Jesus, we love you and so to you our gifts we bring.

So cheer for Jesus, Christ the King!

Serving God is how we build God’s kingdom here below.

Living all our lives for you is how our love can show.

Lord, we trust and love you. With our voice, your praise we sing!

So cheer for Jesus, Christ the King!

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God’s Word. “Illumination” means “turning the lights on”.

Scripture is God’s Word to us. We listen carefully and study God’s word.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 102:12-17

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Keep Awake”

Rev. Diane Ziegler

We Respond

Hymn of Affirmation “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Purple #347, v. 1,3

Prayers of the People and 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 Lord’s
Prayer is the
prayer Jesus
taught us.*

Sung Response to Prayer “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” Purple # 703 v. 1
*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my
thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly thine alone, I’d
live; myself to thee entirely give.*

In the *Offering* we give of
ourselves. We give
because God has given to
us. We give because
everything belongs to God
and what we have has
been entrusted to us.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God Ps. 23:5

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing
what we have so abundantly received, we bring now
our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and
gratitude.

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Doxology means “to give
God glory.”*

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)** Eph. 5:8-10; 14b

**In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your
presence, into your house. For all that you have
done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the
light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise.**

**We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing
the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and
raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*We pray God will use our
gifts for God’s work
through us and others in
the *Prayer of Dedication*.*

We Are Sent

***Parting Hymn**

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Purple #350

***Charge**

Eph. 5:14, 5:9, 5:8b

Arise! Shine! For the light of Christ is upon you. Go into the world bearing the fruit of Christ's light so that all might see what is good and right and true and live as children of the light to the glory of God.

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Benediction**

1 Samuel. 16:4, 7b; Eph. 5:8b; Ps. 23:4

Go peaceably, looking upon the hearts of others. Live in Christ's light, even in the darkest valley. Trust that he is able to open your eyes, enabling you to walk by faith in his name.

*** Sung Benediction**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Purple # 203 v. 1, 4

REFRAIN: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

v. 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. REFRAIN

v. 4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. REFRAIN

Postlude

(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)

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Prayer Concerns

Kelsey Stewart, Family of Harry Crowe, Family of Claudia Anderson, Owen (Robin's grandson), Norma Smith, Nola (Kelly's step-mother), Jonathan Berryhill, Sandy (Shay's friend), Family of Diane Green, Phil Rogers, Leslie Clements, Bently, Maureen Smallwood, Bill Wiseman, Loy and Ed Boncek, Toby Boedecker, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, those dealing with addiction, PEACE.

Announcements

Have a Heart! Lovingly prepared heart ornaments have been crafted out of the curtains that adorned the sanctuary walls for over 60 years. These heart ornaments are available for a suggested donation of \$ 10.00 or more, with all proceeds going to the refurbishment of the bell. Hearts are available in Fellowship Hall this morning.

Office Hours – Monday- 10-5, Wednesday- 10-5, Friday 10-3

Suggestion for at home this week

- Pray for a person or group experiencing turmoil or persecution. Offer God's message of hope if you are in contact with them.
- Create your own apocalyptic artwork or story.
- Read Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 with your family or with a prayer partner, and think about how you can journey with Jesus to the cross in the remaining days of Lent.

Bible Studies

- Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Winans Coffee and Chocolates on Feedwire Rd. *Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott* See Robin for more information.
- Monday at 6:30 p.m. Board Room. Sunday Scriptures.
- Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Board Room. Lenten study - "Living and Dying Faithfully"

Opportunities to Serve

- Volunteers are needed for our enrichment/craft program for 3-5-year-olds on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. See Kimmie with any questions.
- Help with Wednesday evening food pick-up for the food ministry from 4:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. See Susan Seiler for more information.
- Online/Credit card Giving: Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.
- Vacation Bible School volunteers are needed to help with decorations, crafts, teaching, games and snacks. See Bethany if you would like to help or fill out a volunteer form (located outside the office and in the weekly e-news).
- The Sugar Maple Festival is April 19-21. We are planning on having a float in the parade and also a booth to help raise money for the bell. Parade riders and walkers will be needed and folks to sit in the park at our table also needed. If you can help with the parade, please see Dana or Bethany.





Mark your Calendar--Holy Week Schedule

- ❖ Sunday March 24th @10:00 a.m.- Palm Sunday- OGHS collection
- ❖ Tuesday March 26th @ 5:30 p.m.- Service of Hope in our sanctuary
- ❖ Thursday March 28th @ 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at the Methodist Church
- ❖ Friday March 29th from 12:00-7:00 p.m. self- guided prayer walk in the courtyard and at 7:00 p.m. a Good Friday Service.
- ❖ Saturday March 30th @ 6:00p.m. Easter Vigil in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Sunday March 31st- Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.



If you would like to remember a loved one this season, this year we are adding the option of a memorial contribution to restore the bell made in loving memory. Your loved one will be recognized in the Easter bulletin along with the Easter flower orders. Please fill out the form below and include it with your contribution. We will accept contribution to be added into the Easter bulletin up through **March 24th**.

Memorial Contribution \$_____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Ordered by _____

Checks should be made payable to The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. You may also pay through the QR code below, or the Clover machine in the sanctuary.

