

Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

Hymn: 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”Ruthanne Schempf, organ

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Before we were born
Before we took our first breath,
Before the week started,
Before the year started,
Before we said, “I love you,”
Before we said, “I’m sorry,”
Before we figured out who we really are,
Before we figured out who we want to be,
Before it all—
God loved us.
Unconditionally and freely,
Fully and honestly—
God loved us.
Again and again, this is where our story begins.
Let us worship God!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Music for Reflection 654 “In the Lord I will be Ever Thankful”Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg Ransom, guitar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world. Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Remember, God's goodness is forever, and God's mercies will always endure. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Pat Parker

Scripture.....Pat Parker

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; ²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. ²¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

John 3:9-21

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Minute for Mission.....Pat Parker

Children’s Time

Music for Reflection: 634 “To God Be The Glory”Ruthanne Schempf, organ

Sermon: “Living the new life”Rev. Patricia Calahan

Hymn: 314 “Longing For Light, We Wait in Darkness”Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg, guitar

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “With Sounding Brass”Ruthanne Schempf, organ
Chester Nordman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers: Easter flowers are available to order again this year. Order forms will be sent out via email, you can also order online on our website. All orders need to be placed by Monday, March 22nd.

Lent Devotionals: Our devotional resource for this Lent is “Again & Again” from *Sanctified Art*. We will be sending them out weekly via email, printed copies will be available upon request.

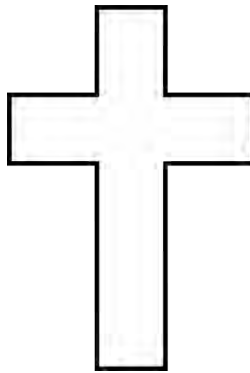
Discover the Psalms: Join us on Zoom for a study of the Psalms at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays during Lent. We will be utilizing a resource, “Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, & Praise” by Donald Griggs. This study invites us to explore different types of Psalms and perhaps even learn to pray like a Psalmist or perhaps even to write like one.

We are delighted to be partnering with the First United Presbyterian Church (Pine Plains) with this offering. Pastor Tricia will be sharing leadership with Pastor Ryan Larkin. There are a couple copies of the book available for pick-up during office hours or we are happy to drop a copy off for you, by request. Please contact Pastor Tricia if you have any questions. The Zoom link will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

One Great Hour of Sharing: One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. Gifts can be made through check, designating “OGHS” in the memo line, or through the “Give Now” button on our website. We are collecting this offering through Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Jesus: A Pilgrimage: All are welcome to join Ken Sampson’s book study at any time! The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Ken Sampson to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, March 24th at noon via Zoom. The group is currently reading Joanna Weaver’s Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out. You can contact Marion Thomas or information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out via email the week of the meeting.



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