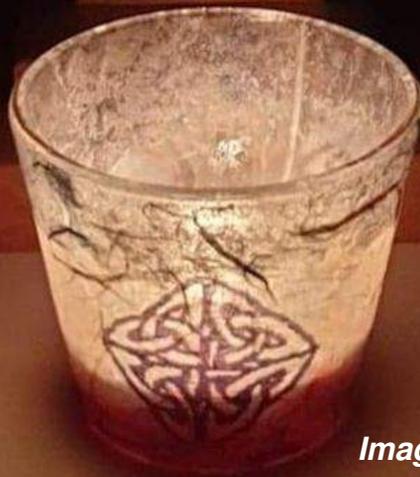


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<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRftyrzqqmMD8rlcivF1>
Sunday Worship 1 - Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 2 - Hearing "the Word" - 9:30 am
Lenten Reflection #6 - Wednesday Morning, 7am.

Previous Reflections remain available for viewing.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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PART 1 - PRAISE AND PRAYERS

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Rick-Hymnal 327-lyrics 4v.mp4

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OPENING WORDS / WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Psalm 51.6

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart —Psalm 51.6

No pretending, God.

Help me see myself clearly.

Help me be faithful

to your gift of my self.

I do not need to lie to myself,

I do not need to pretend for others.

The "me" you give me is beautiful enough.

Help me be true

all the way from the inside out.

Breath prayer: (in) True ... (out) and beautiful

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

RG

God has promised to make a new covenant with us.
Our Lord has promised to write God's law on our hearts.
We will no longer teach one another, or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for we shall all know God.
For God will forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

HYMN 1

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Rick-Hymnal 057-lyrics 3v.mp4

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ps. 119:10-11, 15

FotW

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives
and to create a whole new world.
As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts
and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:31-34

CALL TO CONFESSION

RG

We know that all have sinned and fallen short of
the way of life to which we are called in Christ.
Yet we also know that if we repent and confess our sin,
God's mercy is sure for each and for all.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one and other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, my heart renew (Psalm 51)
Rick-Hymnal 092-20Jul19.mp4

Psalter 141

tune: DIX (*For the Beauty of the Earth*)

- 1 Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.
- 2 Sinners then shall learn from me
And return, O God to Thee;
Saviour, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.
- 3 Not the formal sacrifice
Hath acceptance in Thy eyes;
Broken hearts are in Thy sight
More than sacrificial rite;
Contrite spirit, pleading cries,
Thou, O God, wilt not despise.
- 4 Prosper Zion in thy grace
And her broken walls replace;
Then our righteous sacrifice
Shall delight Thy holy eyes;
Freewill off'rings, gladly made,
On Thy altar shall be laid.

SILENT PRAYERS

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!
<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/382.mp3>

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hebrews 5:5–10

RG

*Friends, hear the good news of the gospel.
In Christ, we are forgiven and restored to right relations with God and one another.
God in Christ empowers us for justice-seeking in our world.*

**God has made a new covenant with us.
Thanks be to God.**

INTERCESSIONS

BACKGROUND HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/452.mp3>

Prayer marking one year of COVID-19

Keith Dove

March 17, 2021 by The Presbyterian Outlook

*We lament our year of sickness. ...
We lament our year of death. ...
We lament our year of isolation. ...
We lament our year of worshipping apart. ...
We lament our year of injustices becoming even more stark. ...
We ... celebrate that we can now see an end
to the sickness, death and isolation.
We are thankful for the global community ...
Shine your light brightly and overcome the shadows,
that all shall be well,
and all shall be well,
and all manner of thing shall be well;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

<Silent Prayers>

A prayer in a time of violence

by Rebekah LeMon,

*Saving God, in these last weeks of Lent,
we cling to the promise of your glorious resurrection.
... as we wait, we pray:*

**Come, Lord Jesus, to shatter the order of violence with your disruptive peace.
Come, Lord Jesus, to replace the death all around us with reverence for life.
Come, Lord Jesus, to root out the hate and loathing that live in us;
stop us from hurting each other and ourselves.**

*... Come, Lord Jesus, to show us how to live;
give us the wisdom, courage, and fortitude we need to tell the truth and to be changed.*

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

<Silent Prayers>

A prayer in solidarity

Bishop Ken Carter, UM Bishop of Florida:

*O God, our strength and our redeemer,
we stand with our Asian-American sisters and brothers today.
In the words of your saint and missionary Patrick,
we pray that your Son Jesus Christ would be so pervasive among us, on every side,
that we would sense his peace and power.
As sinners in need of grace, remove the impulses within us to violence
and the mindsets that contribute to racism.*

As citizens and neighbors, disturb our quiet acceptance of continuing acts of racist violence.

As disciples, guide our feet in the way of peace.

<Silent Prayers>

*All these prayers we bring, along with those groanings to deep for words,
in the Name and Spirit of our Great High Priest,
your Son, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

HYMN 2

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Rick-Hymnal 140 -Lyrics 3v.mp4

140

SEQUE

From Cathy (Re: Anthem)

For this 5th Sunday of Lent I have chosen "The Potter's Hand" as the anthem. The words in this song gives us the hope we need now - "Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure—all of my days—are held in Your hand." Our Lord will "guide us, lead us and walk beside us." These words give us the comfort to live each day without fear, but with hope. Prayers for all of you to stay well, and we send our blessings to you always,
Cathy and Clark

INTERLUDE

Meditations from Psalm 51:1-12 festivalofhomiletics
<https://www.smallchurchmusic.com/MP3/MP3-WhileShepherds-WinchesterOld-SPiano-128-CAM.mp3>
Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult
Rick-Hymnal 398 -Lyrics-5v.mp4

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - SEGMENT 2

INTERLUDE 2

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said
Rick-Hymnal 415-rick-20Jun14-with lyrics.mp4

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CALL TO WORSHIP

John 12:32

FotW

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."
Blessed be the God of our salvation
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RG

O God, you promised your new covenant with us.
Help us to hear the words of Scripture as
your Word of the new covenant
established in Jesus Christ for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 12:20–33

HYMN 3

O God, Be Merciful to Me
<http://www.gbod3.org/sorter/audio/117.mp3>

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SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Philippians 2:5-11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death
— even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and
gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RG

*God is the fountain of all good and has showered us with good gifts.
Let us give all of who we are in return:
our hearts, minds, energies and resources.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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**God of compassion, when we failed to keep your commandments
and rebelled against that which would bring peace and joy to our lives,
your love was so great that you offered us a new covenant
– not written on tablets, but on our hearts.**

**In our giving, and in all our offerings,
may it be our lives, our love and devotion that we bring to your altar.**

**May we remember in our giving that you loved us so much that
the sacrifice of your Son on the cross for us was not too great a cost.**

**Our gifts are meager in comparison, but let them remind us of what you gave first.
In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palms will be available for pick up,

Saturday, March 27 between 2:00 and 3:00 at the Clarksburg United Methodist Church

in fellowship hall with masks and social distancing.

(Thanks to Cathy and Clark!)

Join us on Zoom for more than what you hear on Youtube ...

PRAYER

Jer. 31:33; John 12:32

FotW

**Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation
and open the way to eternal salvation.**

**As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as he draws all people to himself
revealing your love for the world. Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Jer 31:31-34)

RG

*God has forgiven us and
established a new covenant with us in Jesus Christ.
In Christ, God has written God's law on our hearts.
May we go from here as a witness to
the new covenant of peace and justice for all.*

**Let us lift up the brokenhearted
And stand with the oppressed.
And let everything we do be out of the love of God in Christ.**

Jer. 31:33

FotW

*May God, whose hand has written the law of love
upon your heart,
fill you with peace from deep within
and the commitment to live in harmony.
And the blessing of God, who loves, forgives,
and calls us home,
be with you now and always.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

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A Prayer In Solidarity

Bishop Ken Carter, UM Bishop of Florida:

Meditations from Psalm 51:1-12

<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/free-lent-worship-resources-for-march/>

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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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LECTIONARY LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31–34 Hebrews 5:5–10

Psalms 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16 John 12:20–33

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy,
and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation.

Where is God enacting that new life within or around you?

What in your life must die so that you may flourish?

What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

MORNING PRAYER:

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.

Open my heart to receive this grace that I may be wholly yours,

then give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go

as I seek to walk in your way of mercy,

forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER:

Forgiving God, who makes all things new,

you know where I have flourished this day,

and you know where I have failed.

Help me to know that in all my challenges there is a seed of hope

that enables me to more faithfully depend on you.

May I rest in peace this night and awake refreshed

to greet the newness of your day. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

21 - 27 March 2021

More may be found here:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/estonia-latvia-lithuania>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ *preservation of the distinct cultural practices, literature, music and natural resources in these countries.*
- ✓ *the faithful witness of Christians during times of persecution and for those who survived times of occupation.*
- ✓ *how these countries peacefully became independent after 1918 and 1991.*
- ✓ *new-found freedoms that the people here have experienced, that they might be used for the good of all.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *peaceful relations with Russia and among all the ethnic groups in these lands.*
- ✓ *the healing of old wounds remaining from 20th century struggles.*
- ✓ *just economic development that benefits all citizens in these countries, and for those who live and work abroad.*
- ✓ *governmental leaders and all people, that they might together strive for justice, peace and the well-being of all.*

Prayers **Crumble the walls**
Stankevičs,

from: WCC NEWS

Zbignevs

the Archbishop Metropolitan of the Roman Catholic Church in Latvia,

God, we pray:

crumble the walls that still separate Christians,
and create a unity, according to your heart and will.

Accept us as we are, but mold us as you want us to be,
and help us become the leaven of unity and love
in our country and around the world.

Stay with us

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Oh God, we don't know what lies ahead.

Therefore stay with us, so that we may stay in you
and confess your name to the end. Amen

Roll back the stones (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2016, Latvia)

Lord Jesus, you have always loved us from the beginning,
and you have shown the depth of your love in dying for us on the cross
and thereby sharing our sufferings and wounds.

At this moment, we lay at the foot of your cross
all the obstacles that separate us from your love.

Roll back the stones which imprison us.

Awaken us to your resurrection morning.

There may we meet the brothers and sisters from whom we are separated.

Amen.