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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 14, 2021

11:00 A.M.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. by Cindy Berry

*O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: Jesus calls us saying, "If you want to follow me, pick up your cross daily and follow."

All: And so we've come, leaving our lives behind for this hour.

Leader: Jesus welcomes us saying, 'Let me take your burdens and lighten your load.'

All: And so we hand over our worries, doubts, and fears to God.

Leader: Jesus calls us to leave behind the life we would make for ourselves and receive the life of freedom and joy only God can give.

All: We are here, trying to give up control, ready to receive the loving care of our Creator whom we worship today.

*"He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried."
From The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)*

*"suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried"
From The Apostles' Creed*

Hymn #221 (verses 1 & 2)

PASSION CHORALE

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you call us to leave our old ways behind, but we like our comfortable lives. You call us to go where you will show us but we want the map and directions before we leave. You call us to be a blessing to all but often we want to keep the blessing for ourselves. Lord Jesus, help us to hear your voice and to let go of what holds us back. Lead us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

“As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.”

From The Barmen (Germany) Declaration (1934)

“We believe, moreover, that our Lord Jesus Christ truly suffered and died for us in the flesh, as Peter says (1 Peter 4:1). At the same time, we do not deny that the Lord of glory was crucified for us, according to Paul’s words (1 Cor. 2:8).”
The Second Helvetic (Swiss) Confession (1561 A.D.)



Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

All: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness.

Leader: Receive the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

Presentation of Bibles to 4th Graders

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:31-34

Sermon

A LUKAN LENT
"Grasping the Cross"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with 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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“What Wondrous Love Is This” *setting* by Joel Raney
*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

The Affirmation of Faith: *From* “A Declaration of Faith” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross
God achieved and demonstrated once for all
the costly forgiveness of our sins.**

Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.

**He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,
accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.**

In his lonely agony on the cross

**Jesus felt forsaken by God
and thus experienced hell itself for us.**

Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.

**He was acting on behalf of God,
manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself
the loneliness, pain, and death
that result from our waywardness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not holding our sins against us.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross
the Savior who died in our place,
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,
but for him.**

In him is our only hope of salvation.

*Hymn #216 (verses 1 & 2)

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

*“God raised this
Jesus from the
dead, vindicating
his sinless life,
breaking the
power of sin and
evil, delivering us
from death to life
eternal.”*

*From A Brief
Statement of
Faith of the
Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.)
(1991 A.D.)*



*“On the third day
he rose again in
accordance with
the scriptures; he
ascended into
heaven and is
seated at the
right hand of the
Father.”*

*From The Nicene
Creed (381 A.D.)*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
	9:30 am Adult Zoom Sunday School Class
	10:00 am Living Stones Sunday School Class
	11:00 am Worship-In Person & Live Stream
Wednesday, March 17	7:00-8:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, March 16	7:00 pm Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, March 17	10:00-11:00 am Zoom Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Today** we present Bibles to our 4th Graders J.J. Rouse, Hayes Skidmore and Fisher Blanton.
- * **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible Study on either Monday, March 15 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, March 17 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links/invitations. This week we will read and talk about Luke 19:1-10, the story about Jesus and the tax collector Zacchaeus. How would you react if Jesus said to you, “Hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today”?
- * **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any concerns or business for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister. Please keep our session in your prayers as they meet.
- * **Congratulations to** Tim and R. J. Peppe on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Timothy Rouse, born at 8:20 PM on 1 March in Waco, TX. His parents are Adam and Jamie Rouse, R.J.'s son and daughter-in-law.
- * **The Helping Hands Food Pantry** could use the following items: Canned peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, potatoes; tomato & chicken noodle soups; 1 lb. bag of dried beans and rice; 2 lb. flour and 2 lb. sugar; small vegetable oil; 1 qt. Almond milk. Thank you for all you do for the food pantry!



Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Royal and Jennifer Johnson in loving memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson, March 8th 2017 - June 26th 2017. "May her sweetness and light shine on each of you today."

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 28



As public school students return to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.



Church News



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BLESSINGS