

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Hymns of the Cross"

**Millie Kistler, Organist
Arr. Janet Linker**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 53)**

(L) On this the 5th Sunday of our 40 day Lenten journey, we travel with Jesus on his way to the cross – a journey in which he was despised and rejected by others.

(C) By a perversion of justice, He was taken away

(L) Search us, our Lord, and see if there is any wicked way in us

(C) Lead us deeper into the way of everlasting Life

(L) He was wounded for our transgressions

(C) He was crushed for our iniquities

(L) The Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

(C) And by His wounds we are healed

(L) Upon Him was the punishment that made us whole

(ALL) By His betrayal, His sacrifice, His suffering, His death we are healed.

***HYMN**

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (Vv. 1 & 2)

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Isaiah 53, Romans 7)**

Merciful Lord,

We confess that we all like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned to our own ways and have sinned against You and others.

In fear, shame, pride, and greed we have hidden our faces from You and from those You have called us to serve.

Afflicted people that we are!

Who will rescue us from this body of death?

(pause for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Isaiah 53)**

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has borne our sin and has made intercession for us.

Upon Christ was the punishment that made us whole.

By His stripes we are healed.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

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**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children & youth to the front of the sanctuary.

A LENTEN CANTATA

**"Song of the Shadows"
(A Solemn Service of Tenebrae)**

**With music by Joseph M. Martin
And Narration by Pamela Martin**

Chancel Choir

Edward Moore, Director

Millie Kistler, Accompanist

RESPONSE
WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

“O Calvary’s Lamb”

Barbara McDonough, Soloist

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ” (Vv. 3, & 4)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Millie Kistler, Organist
Arr. Bish

All those who are able, please stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 17, 2024

FELLOWSHIP II:

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today’s service.

DEACONS MEETING:

There will be a Deacons meeting held directly after today’s service

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

POPCORN SALE:

The Mission Committee is having a popcorn sale in March. Orders can be made March 1 until March 31; all orders and money must be in by then. We will be

available to take orders after Fellowship on Sundays.

The fundraiser is to help with the cost of making Welcome Bags for the Malawi/South Sudan visitors this May.

The popcorn will be distributed at church on May 5.

If anyone would like to help by selling popcorn, please let Joanna Stettmier or Carol Lasch know. It would be greatly welcomed.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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