

## 10:00 a.m. Service

### March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### Welcome, Announcements, Minute for Mission

**Prelude**                      “Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee”    H.L. Markworth  
   “By Thy Cross, O Christ, and Passion”    Paul Manz

#### Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: The Lord of life is lifted up!

**People: Let us look to him and live.**

**\*Hymn No. 464**                      *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

#### Prayer of the Day (Unison)

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Joyful Bells**                      “In His Hands”    McChesney

#### Call to Confession

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth’s goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ. *(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)***

In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

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. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### Passing of the Peace

Leader: In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other.

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

**Chancel Choir**                      “What Wondrous Love is This?”    Johnson

#### Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**            *Numbers 21:4-9*

**Second Scripture Reading**        *John 3:14-21*

**Sermon**                                *"Coming into the Light..."*

**\*Confession of Faith** (from the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need... that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn No. 394**                        *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

**Offering, Offertory**                 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*    John Innes

**\*Doxology No. 592**                 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn No. 434**                        *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                                *"O Love, How Deep"*    Agincourt Hymn (83)

*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Source for Liturgy is *"Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1"*

## Announcements—March 11

**Flowers today** are given by Stan and Judy Schaffer for the blessing of their granddaughters, Meredith and Abigail.



**New Member Orientation today** — Session along with the Hospitality and Membership Committee will meet in the Lounge immediately following worship for anyone who wishes to join PCCR. You can join our family by Letter of Transfer from your previous church where you were an Active Member or by Reaffirmation of your Faith.



**“Just Coffee” is for sale in the Narthex today**, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. You may purchase ground or beans, Arabica or Robusta, for \$11 a pound regular, or \$12 for any decaf variety.

**Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, March 25** — The Hospitality and Membership Committee invites you to spend a part of your Palm Sunday weekend with us at our traditional Palm Sunday Brunch following the worship service. Our committee will furnish ham and potatoes or rice or grits if the congregation will bring salads, vegetables, a breakfast casserole or breads, donuts and desserts. We would love to see our church friends to share a meal and good fellowship. We hope to see you there!

***DID YOU KNOW?*** News and announcements are kept current on the website, and are often updated a couple times each week. Check the news block under the map on the website home page. **Web address:** [pccrusa.org](http://pccrusa.org)

**This year’s PCCR Foundation Dinner** will be a Mexican Fiesta theme. If you have any fiesta items for us to borrow and decorate with, we’d certainly appreciate it. Some ideas might be: sombreros, Mexican flowers, serapes, piñatas, bright colored Mexican pots, etc. If you’re willing to share any of these items on June 10, please contact Kelley Anderson, (970) 580-1088. And remember to **label** all items!



**Scripture readings** for Sunday, March 18 are **Jeremiah 31:31-34** and **John 12:20-33**. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

**Please sign** the attendance register found at the end of the pew and pass it along to your neighbor. We are glad you are here!



**Today’s Worship Participants:**

*Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor*

*Larry Gillum, Organist*

*Mitch Mitchell, Liturgist*

*Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director*

*Patti Dolezal, Handbell Director*

*Marilyn Vergoth and Bev Henderson, Greeters*

*Stephen Ministry, Fellowship Hosts*