



March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

*"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."
- Corrie Ten Boom*

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE "Elevation No. 3 on a Modal Lenten Theme" Dom Paul Benoit
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 51) Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

O God, may your love and mercy be with us today.

Cleanse and refresh us!

O God, create in us a clean heart.

Put the right spirit within us!

O God, have mercy upon us.

Lead us in truth and love! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 379** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Hear this, our prayer, and hear us now, as we pray to you in silence.

Silent Prayer of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY (SEE INSERT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN (SEE INSERT)**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 12:41-44, NRSV

**Please stand if you are able.*

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "There is a Balm" Near
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *John 12:20-33, NRSV*

MESSAGE "Demands Of My Soul" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY No. 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Robert Elmore

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal # 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do. Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into the beloved community you dream for us. Show us how to take these offerings and use them to love each other deeply from the heart. In your grace we trust. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "hear our prayer"
following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 442** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *(Please remain standing)*

POSTLUDE "Give Thanks, O Christian People" 17th-century Memmingen Manuscript - 552

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 18

11:00 am—Sid Brown Memorial Service

11:00 am—Presbyterian Women

6:30 pm—Session

Tuesday, March 19: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

4:00 pm—Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, March 20

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

Thursday, March 21

3:00 pm—Columbarium Committee

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, March 22

9:30 am—Merry Marthas

Saturday, March 23

10:30 am—Bev Henderson Memorial Service

Sunday, March 24

8:15 am—Adult Bible Study

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

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Announcements

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Joyful Bells.

The Hospitality Committee is planning a **Palm Sunday Celebration** on March 24 immediately after our regular church service. We'll enjoy fellowship as we come to the end of Lent and anticipate Easter. Ham, rolls, and potatoes will be provided, and each family is asked to bring a dish to feed at least 8 people. If your last name starts with A-R, please bring a side dish (no potatoes)—Last Names A-R. If your last name starts with S-Z, please bring a dessert.

When life gets a little complicated, can the Deacons on the Sunshine Committee help? We would be happy to supply meals to our PCCR family who are experiencing a few clouds in their life. Please contact the office or Pastor Christine if you or someone you know would like some sunshine!

Next Sunday we will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Please review the bulletin insert for more information about this important offering. There are envelopes in the pews that can be used for this offering.

If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at pastor@pccrusa.org, or call 970-586-4404 (church).

The Symbolism of today's Lenten flower arrangement is the holly which represents passion, the Dutch iris represents sorrow, and the violets represent penitence.

Donate!



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