



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30th, 2025 10 am Worship Service

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!

Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service-

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

Sunday school begins after the Gathering of the Children in the worship service. Cry Room open at back of church, please ask an Usher.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Le Prie Dieu" (A Meditation) by Old Royal George

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill

MOMENT FOR MISSION- Goatlandia

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "My Hope I Rest Then On The Lord"
The Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 32)

In times of trouble, in days of fear,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we worship God!

*HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William Bradbury

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

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2. We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

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3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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4. Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Book of Common Worship)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Psalm 32

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are those happy people whose sins have been forgiven.

Believe in the good news of the gospel and rejoice!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

Kim Seamans

OFFERTORY

“Plaint”

Charles Hutchins



*DOXOLOGY#606 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(click to donate)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN# 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God Fall afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32

Kim Seamans

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“All Things New”

Elaine Hagenberg

The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Power To Forgive

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway

*HYMN#475 vs 1&3 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Robert Robinson

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we give you thanks for your words of hope to us. You promise us that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old passes away and a new life is possible. In these days of chaos and fear, we cling to the possibilities of life with you: that hearts can be turned, people can be reconciled, and redemption can spring forth from the most unlikely places. **Ground us in these truths of the gospel, O God, that our hearts might be open and loving, compassionate and generous. Guard us from despair and grow within us strong and sustaining hope for the future you imagine for all creation.**

Merciful God, you invite us not only to receive your grace, but to share it with others. Show us how to reflect your mercy in our individual lives, and in our life together. Help us to care for the most vulnerable in our communities with love that listens, responds and builds supportive partnerships.

Draw us into your redeeming work of creating more just systems and structures in our world. Commit us to ways of living together that provide all with what they need, rather than enriching some while others go without necessities of shelter and safety.

We pray for the work of this congregation: the Free Breakfast Program, the Radio Program, the Community Garden, the Kenya Mission trip, Presbyterian Women, the Men's group, and the other ways we reach out to the community near and far. Bless our efforts to be your people of peace in a world obsessed with material gain, destruction and revenge.

God of justice, we pray for our nation in turmoil. Turn the hearts of those in power towards the promotion of peace and justice around the world and here at home. Give them ears to hear the cries of suffering

from those who cannot make ends meet and those whose lives have been upended by job cuts and funding freezes.

Grant the leaders at every level of government wisdom and discernment for the road ahead. Bring order out of chaos, O God, and draw us together for the good of all people and the whole world you so love.

Healer of our every ill, we pray for those in our community who need your care this day. Soothe the nerves of the anxious and lift the spirits of the depressed. Comfort those who sit in the heavy fog of grief.

Energize those who are weighed down by burdens of care. Bring healing in body, mind and soul to those who are sick and recovering.

We name before you now in the quiet of our hearts all we know who need your healing mercies...(Silent prayer)

Surround us with your steadfast love, O Lord. When we are afraid, remind us to turn to you. When we don't know what to do, animate us by your Spirit.

Draw us close to you and close to one another in relationships that nurture our souls and show us the way. We pray all these things in Christ's name who taught us to pray saying:

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.

*HYMN

"O God, In Your Love"

Caroline Winfrey Gillette

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11(Tune HYMN #12:"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

1. O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.
2. Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

3. O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease:
We stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.
Yet this is your body, the church that you love
O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?

4. So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

*BENEDICTION (from the Book of Common Worship)

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;
support the weak; help the suffering;
honor all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE "Voluntary IV" Edited by Richard Peek

PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway LITURGIST: Kim Seamans

MUSIC: Carol Menke , the Chancel Choir and Althea Wright.

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton, DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Josh Lim, Norm Smith, and Nico Wycoff*

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Palm Sunday Service April 13th 10am

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper April 17th 5:30pm

Good Friday Requiem 7:30pm EASTER SUNDAY 10am



PRAYER REQUESTS- Please include in your prayers-

Darren Adams

Donald Adams

Dennis Baker

Greg Basham

Jeff Basham

Jim Bauer

Bill Beaumont

Barbara Blinn

Nora Boyd

Diana Burdick

Joyce Cairns

Marjorie Cortez

Diana

Eldon Davis

David Dews Jr.

Yvonne Draper

Robert Flandermeyer

Wendy Galde

Cathy Guy

Michele Hare

Julie Harris

Sue Upshaw Heidt

Phil Henry

Jennifer

Wendy Jones

Rusty Jump

Karen

Carolyn Kenworthy

Colby Lundmark

Marina

LeRoy Mattson

Vivian Mazeski

Carol Menke

Gene Michel

Jessica Morse

Lesley Pillsbury

Nita Pinney

Sherry Rupp

Elizabeth Schulz

Bob Simmons

Marie Slack

Alexis Spence

Fred Staiger

Bill St. John

Tina

Lynne Vandercook

Darlene Volkmann

Jill & Roger White

Naomi Welcome

Rich Wells

Helen Wikle

Betty Witchey-Ryer

Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens,
USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Col. David Trowbridge,
M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. Private Caleb Thorstad, US
Marine's Camp Pendleton



*“Flowers given in honor
of the Lenten Season”*

