

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent

Our PCAS Vision:

"To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for mission One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude

Sonata in Am - Largo

Arcangelo Corelli

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Worship is an act of extravagant praise for the great love of God.

People: An extravagance that some mock and call a waste.

Leader: But we know this time, this effort, is a worthy sacrifice.

People: For we boldly worship a Savior who is leading us from hate to love, from enemy to friend, from sinner to saved, from division to unity.

*Hymn #366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Call to Confession

Jesus once tied a towel around his waist and poured water into a basin in order to wash his disciples' feet. It was an act of God's greater love. Yet the disciples found it uncomfortable for the Lord to deal with their dirt. We are always a bit uncomfortable praying about the sin that clings like dust to the feet. As Jesus tells Peter, "You will understand". When God meets us with greater love, we will understand the reason for our prayer.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

God of universal love,

We pray with a sense of awe for the reach and depth of your love. It's obvious that human-generated love leaves many holes and many unfulfilled hearts. We are grateful for your greater love that covers all of our shortcomings. But you do not desire hero worship for this love; your will, O God, is that having received your love, the reach of our own would grow. Jesus says "go and do likewise". We confess to not going and not doing. Some of us are unsure what that entails; some are quite sure and resist. Some of us go and do and miss the mark and become discouraged. Sometimes, though, we take this great love and we tackle the challenging of figuring out how to bestow it upon even just one other person, and for a moment, we get it, we see. We pray, O Lord, for the continuous ministry of your great love. Refresh our belief in it through the example of Jesus. By your Spirit, strengthen us in courage to choose great love as our way of life. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loves us, even when we are dead through our trespasses, makes us alive together with Christ. **Through faith, our feet are washed clean; we are raised up by God's greater love.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

*Passing of the Peace

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise; let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 13:1-15; 34

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon

“The Cup of Greater Love”

Offering

Offertory Anthem:

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: May the Lord of Lent be with you.

People: May the Lord of Lent be also with you.

Leader: People of God, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to the One who writes a new covenant of love upon them.

Leader: Give thanks to the God who makes you new.

People: We open our lips to sing praises to the One who sustains us with a generous spirit.

Our hearts are filled with joy...
...And so, we open our lips to join our songs of praise
with the faithful of every time and place, singing to the glory of your
name:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Writer of our hearts.
All creation is drawn to your side. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes with mercy for us.
Hosanna in the highest!**

You alone are holy...
...As we come to this Table, remembering all that he has done for us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ died, the One lifted up for all people.
Christ was raised, the One called forth from death for all.
Christ will come, the One who is the source of eternal life for all.**

You provide the gifts...

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion (unison):

**We have drunk of your cup of greater love – your universal,
unconditional love of humankind. We have pledged to remember it.
May your love now in us never let us forget who we are and who we
strive to be as disciples of Jesus Christ. May your love strengthen
ours as we depart your sanctuary and seek to “go and do likewise”.
Amen.**

*Hymn #729

Lord I Want to Be Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*Benediction

Postlude

Sonata Am - Allemanda

Arcangelo Corelli

Reflections on What we Believe

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than humanity's schemes will finally prevail.

The Confession of 1967, PCUSA Book of Confessions

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Elder Lori Hirce

Ushering this morning: Peter Bruguere and Rich Vodhanel

Zoom Host: Jim Wright

Hymn Leadership: Sean Starke, Bing and Barbara Prestridge

Piano and Organ: Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame

Offertory Recorder: Marcello Velame

Video Editing: Rich Vodhanel

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Food Drive: The Deacons invite you to donate shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You may leave donations in the bin or the foyer of the Church House.

Chancel Flowers: Please sign up to dedicate and supply flowers in memory of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of The Church House, or you can email pcas@verizon.com or call the office 7327473557 your information.

THE BOOK NOOK is open for business...Come shop!!!

Church Groups and Committees who wish to meet in the Church House can call the office (732 747 3557) or email (pcas@verizon.com) to book your meetings.

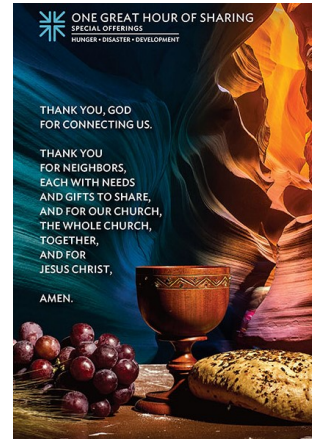
Choir: All are welcome to join us. Rehearsal time will be 8:30-9:30am on Sundays.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 9am: You can jump in on our discussion anytime at this zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686705631>
Or by phone: (646) 558-8656 Enter Meeting ID: 876 8670 5631



SOLES FOR SOULS SHOE DRIVE MARCH 3-APRIL 17: We will be collecting all types of shoes with/without heels, boots, flip flops, anything that DOES NOT have holes in the bottom of the shoe. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. You will be receiving your envelope for One Great Hour of Sharing in the mail this week. Please look out for it and return your generous donation, check written out to PCAS, as soon as possible. The offering will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 10. Lori Hirce Church & Society



**Order your Easter Lilies for the Chancel
 For Easter Sunday April 17, 2022.
 Palm Sunday is the last day to order**

Please make Check payable to The Board of Deacons, Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury.

I would like to order ___ Easter Lily(s) at \$10.00 each. Total Enclosed \$_____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

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In Memory/ Honor of (circle one) _____

Please check the appropriate line;

I will pick up my Lily(s) following the 10 AM Service



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