# March 12th, 2023 Thírd Sunday in 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**

**Prelude** I Am Thine, O Lord

Setting by Joseph Prentiss

Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here because God has called us.

People: God loved us before we could love in return.

Leader: God has given us Jesus Christ for our salvation.

People: For this we join all creation in blessing God, praising God,

thanking God:

Holy, holy holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and

greatly to be praised.

Leader: As we offer our praise, we long for You to mold us in the image

of Your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope.

People: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen!

**\*Hymn** #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

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#### Call to Confession

Let us continue our ongoing conversation with God about our sin, so that we might know the blessing of God's forgiveness and mercy. Let us pray:

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of compassion,

Generation after generation, You fight for human dignity and uphold the worth of all people. We have dishonored You by dishonoring Your people. We confess to shaming others because of their appearance, income, disability, gender, sexuality, race, and education. We have used religion to cast shame on others for simply being who You created them to be.

We acknowledge the silence, isolation, and mental harm shame causes. We pray, O Lord, that in Christ we may learn to love and honor one another, and recognize the beauty and worth in each life. Honor us with Your mercy, that having been affirmed by You, we may be able to affirm others in Your love.

#### Moment for Silent Reflection

#### Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)
Kyrie, kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison, (Christ, have mercy)
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, kyrie eleison,
Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.

# **Assurance of Pardon** (based on 1 Peter 2:4-7)

Leader: The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 25:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God!

# **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

### \*Passing of the Peace

**\*Hymn** #847

Our Hope, Our Life

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**Second Scripture Lesson** 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

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

#### Sermon Worthy of Honor

#### Ordination and Installation of Elders

Constitutional Questions

### Questions for the Congregation

- 1) Do we, the members of the church, accept David Apy and John Hanley as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- 2) Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Prayers of Ordination and Installation

## Offering

**Offertory** Meditation

T. Smith

# Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #761 Called as Partners, in Christ's Service

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\*Benediction

**Postlude** Communion with Jesus Colin Curtis

The flowers are dedicated in loving memory to our parents, Richard and Gladys Pearson, and Steve and Barbara Vodhanel, and to Rich's brother, Steve Vodhanel Jr.; by Nancy and Rich Vodhanel.

# **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

Liturgist: Debi Carter

Organist: Marcello Velame

Ushers: Brian Sergeant

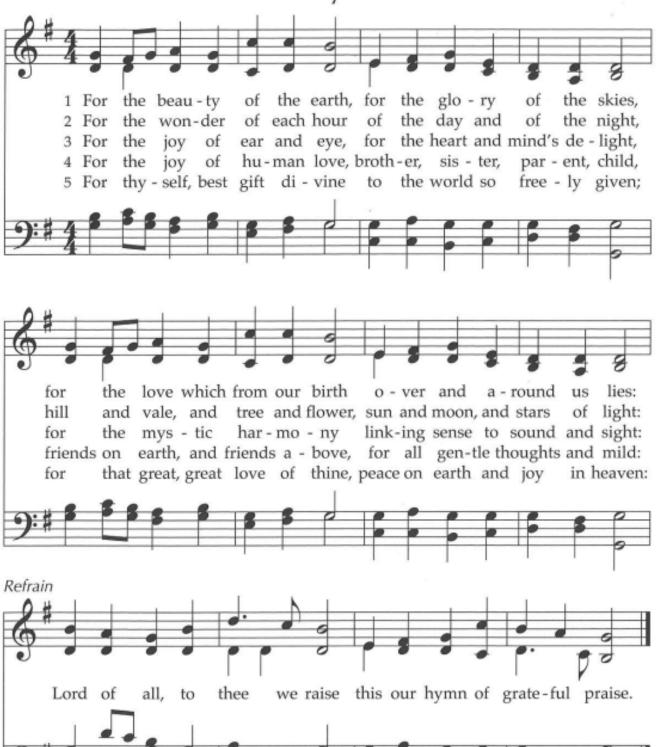
Andy Wolf

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

Jim Wright

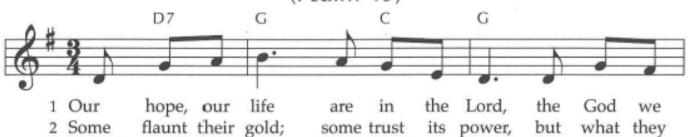
Coffee Hour: Dorcas

# For the Beauty of the Earth

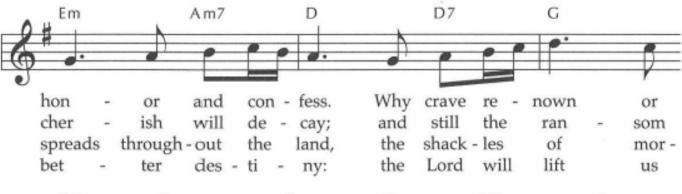


# Our Hope, Our Life

(Psalm 49)



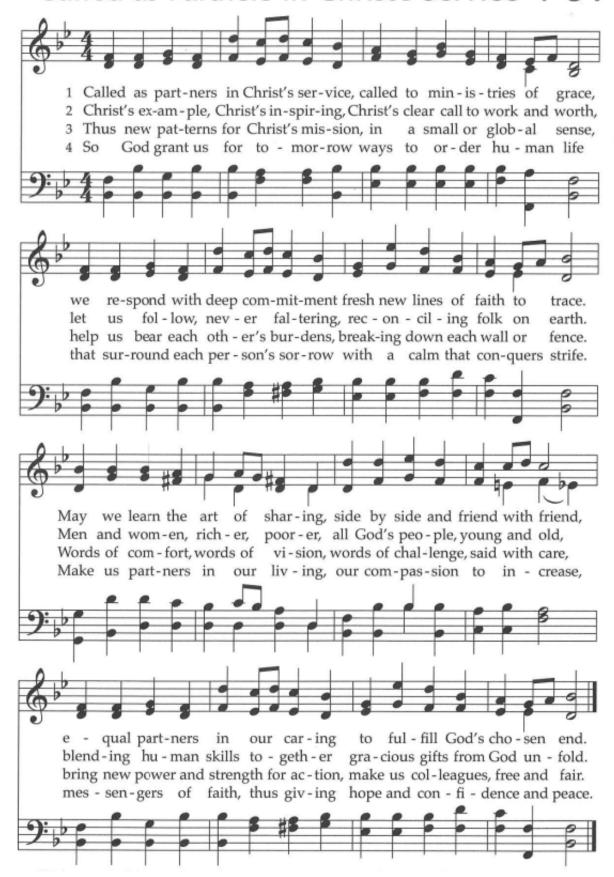
3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that 4 Be - youd this age of shame and sham we glimpse a





op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos sess. price too great to soul re - mains a pay. much tal - i - ty pre - vent that we have planned. SO to dwell praise e - ter - nal - ly. free from death in

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



# **The Healing Tree**

There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see, there the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing."

Text from a 17th century hymn written by Hungarian pastor Pecselyi Kiraly Imre

Throughout the Lenten season, you are invited to use the green leaves in the pew racks to "grow" the tree - to name lives and places in your life or in the world where you see Christ's work of reconciliation and healing happening - even if only in tiny ways! It all counts! You may add leaves to Christ's tree before or after the service, or during the passing of the peace, or you may place them in the offering plates for the worship committee to add. As the tree "grows", we will have a visible sign of Christ's vital work among us.





# LENTEN COLLECTION CONTINUES

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE

Thank you to all of you who have donated so far. The response has been very heartwarming. Your donations will help teens aged 10 to 21 who live at the house.

EACH WEEK IN LENT WE HAVE ADDED A NEW CATEGORY **WEEK 4** - <u>cleaning products</u> – *dish and laundry detergents*, *cleaners, wipes, microfiber clothes, sponges, and dusters.* 

Feel free to add to the donations from previous weeks in Lent.

**WEEK 1** – water bottle

**WEEK 2 –** paper products

**WEEK 3 –** toiletries

Stay tuned for **WEEK 5** 

Look for the box in the Church House foyer for your contributions. We also accept monetary donations made out to Ocean's Harbor House. For more information about Ocean's Harbor House please click on the link. <a href="www.oceansharborhouse.org">www.oceansharborhouse.org</a>.



# **Schedule Week of March 13th**

13 MAR, MON	<ul><li>4:30 - 5:30pm</li><li>7 - 9pm</li></ul>	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(studio) Boy Scouts (FH)
14 MAR, TUE	<ul> <li>9 - 10:30am</li> <li>9:30 - 10:30am</li> <li>11am - 12pm</li> <li>7 - 8:30pm</li> </ul>	Zoom Bible Study Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(studio) Overeaters Anonymous (TR) Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
16 MAR, THU	<ul><li>9:30 - 10:30am</li><li>6 - 7pm</li></ul>	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Yoga for Bone Health (studio) Bells ( Social Room)
18 MAR, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
19 MAR, SUN	<ul> <li>8:30 - 9:30am</li> <li>10 - 11am</li> <li>10:15 - 11am</li> <li>11am - 12pm</li> <li>3:30 - 4:30pm</li> <li>5 - 6pm</li> </ul>	Choir Practice (Sanctuary) Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) Sunday School Coffee Hour (FH) AA (TR) AA (TR)