March 5th, 2023 Second 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 Petit Montagnard

F.P. Frontini

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ of the comfortable, you call us from our security and

sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart:

People: with trust, we place our hands in yours, and follow.

Leader: Companion of our sleepless nights, you beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along:

People: with humility, we listen to those answers we do not expect, or even understand.

Leader: Word which creates out of nothingness, you fill us with life where we see only emptiness, you keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground:

People: we let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.

*Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (music and lyrics page 5)

Call to Confession

Leader: When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying,

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, your love and justice are steadfast, even when ours are not. We confess that when tempted, we make tiny concessions to what we believe is right and good. And tiny concessions turn into small concessions, and then into medium and large ones. We become increasingly comfortable with overlooking actions that do not reflect your good will. Next time, we say, next time we will correct them. Lord, give us strength to do what is right the first time, and keep our hearts set on your way.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loved us, and the world so much, that Jesus came to bring us salvation.

People: Keeper of our souls, be with us; Watcher of our days, lead us; Salvation of our lives, have mercy on us. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:21-24

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

*Hymn 223 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

(music and lyrics page 6)

Second Scripture Lesson John 15:12-13

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Sermon "Be Ye Holy"

Offering

Offertory Let Us Break Bread Together

T. Smith

*Doxology

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

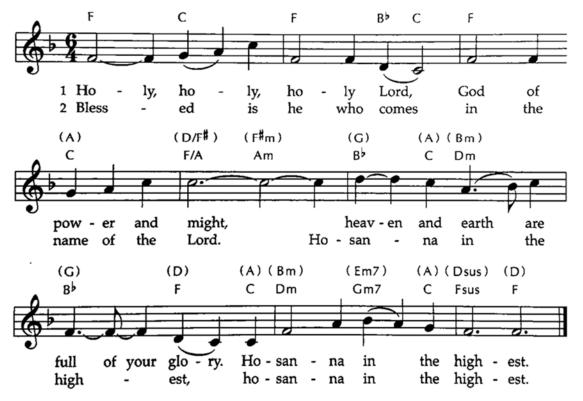
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

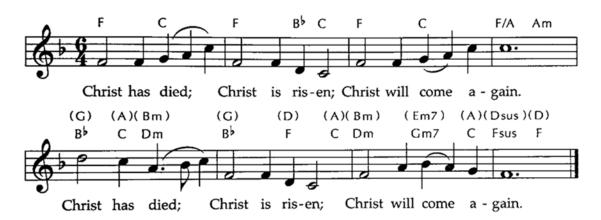
Prayer continues...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



^{*}Prayer of Dedication

Prayer continues...



... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together.

Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness, to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

*Hymn #213 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(music and lyrics page 7)

*Benediction

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Postlude Gavotte des Mathurins

Gaston Lemaire

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

Liturgist: David Apy

Organist: Marcello Velame
Ushers: Jack Mackay

Diane Suarez

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

Jim Wright

Coffee Hour: Presbyterian Women Board

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213





Mission Project for Lent 2023

Our church wide Mission Project for Lent this year is to benefit Ocean's Harbor House in Tom's River. It is a shelter for

homeless, runaway, neglected and abandoned youth. It provides a safe environment, services and counseling so they can work through their crises in a home-like atmosphere.



The need for these teens is great, so we are asking for donations of different items each week. Week 1 was <u>water bottles</u>, Week 2 was <u>paper products</u> and this Week 3 is <u>TOILET-RIES</u>. They can use: *shampoo* (*for all ethnicities*), *body wash*, *bar soap*, *hair*

fasteners, headbands, makeup, lip gloss, sanitary supplies, deodorant, etc. Think about what they might need. The teens cannot buy these things for themselves.

There is a box in the Church House foyer for your contributions. We can also accept monetary donations made out to Ocean's Harbor House. We feature different items each week, but you are welcome to contribute any or all of them at any time.

Happy shopping for teens!

Nancy Vodhanel for Church & Society





Meeting Schedule Week of March 6th

6	MAR, MON •	4:30 – 5:30pm 7 – 9pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(studio) Boy Scouts (FH)
7	MAR, TUE	9 - 10:30am 9:30 - 10:30am 11am - 12pm	Zoom Bible Study Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(studio) Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
8	MAR, WED	9:30am – 12pm 7:30 – 9:30pm	Mission Belles (TR) P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
9	MAR, THU •	9:30 – 10:30am 12 – 4pm 12 – 12:30pm 4:45 – 5:45pm 6 – 7pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Yoga for Bone Health (studio) Homesteaders (FH) Homesteaders Chair Yoga (FH) Yoga Small Group - (FH) Bells (Social Room)
11	MAR, SAT	7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
12	MAR, SUN	8:30 - 9:30am 10 - 11am 11am - 12pm 11:30am - 12:30pm 3:30 - 4:30pm 5 - 6pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary) Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (FH) Worship (TR) AA (TR) AA (TR)