

February 18th, 2024

## First 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**

**Prelude**     Aria for Trumpet and Piano

Joseph Haydn

### **Candle Lighting**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Here, at the outer limits of Lent,  
we are called to walk:

**People: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul;  
to the workplaces which weary us;  
to the people who confuse us;  
to the faith which threatens us.**

Leader: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love  
and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

**People: when our clenched stomachs awaken us;  
in the moments of unbearable sorrow;  
with the angels who would carry us.**

Leader: Here, where time is fulfilled,  
where God's Kingdom is as near to us  
as our neighbor, we begin Lent:

**People: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears,  
with the God who will not let go of our hands.**

*(We mark time this Lent by extinguishing a candle for each of the 6 weeks until  
we reach the Cross).*

**\*Hymn #837**     Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: We pray our confession every week, but in Lent we are invited to  
be more self-aware about our sins, and more open to receiving the  
transformative grace of God. In that spirit, let us pray:

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

**You call us, Lord, to journey in Lent, but not on the same paths that have led us where you do not want us to be. We confess, Lord, that we have followed paths that led towards self-indulgence; that have led to sacrificing others for our own gain; that have encouraged us in unthoughtful, unloving behavior. To journey with you, is to leave those routes behind. We pray for the forgiveness to start down a new road, and the faith for Jesus to be our wayfinder.**

## **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: What can sustain us in the days to come, what will nourish us on our Lenten journey? Look, here is all the food we need: God's Love, God's Word, God's Hope.

**People: Through the wilderness and into the kingdom of life, we are given daily bread for every day of the journey. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Deuteronomy 31:7-8

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

## **Children's Message**

### **Noisy Offering**

## **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

## **Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn #816** If Thou but Trust

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 26:14-16; 20-25;36; 45-50  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Betrayal and Trust "

**Offering**

**Offertory** Give Me Jesus setting by Mark Hayes

**\*Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #450** Be Thou My Vision

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Above All Setting by David Winkler

***Today's flowers are in recognition of Carol Morse***

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Linda Zucaro</b>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	<b>Erica Lewis - trumpet</b>
	<b>Sean Starke - soloist</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Sue Starke</b>
	<b>Cari Suarez</b>
	<b>Diane Suarez</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Kim Davies and Michele Mackay</b>

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

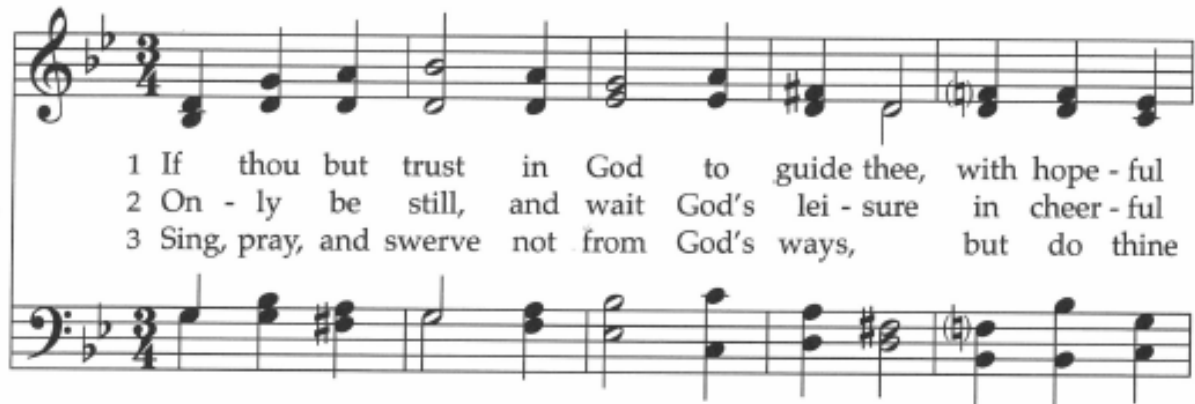
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
Lean-ing on Je-sus,

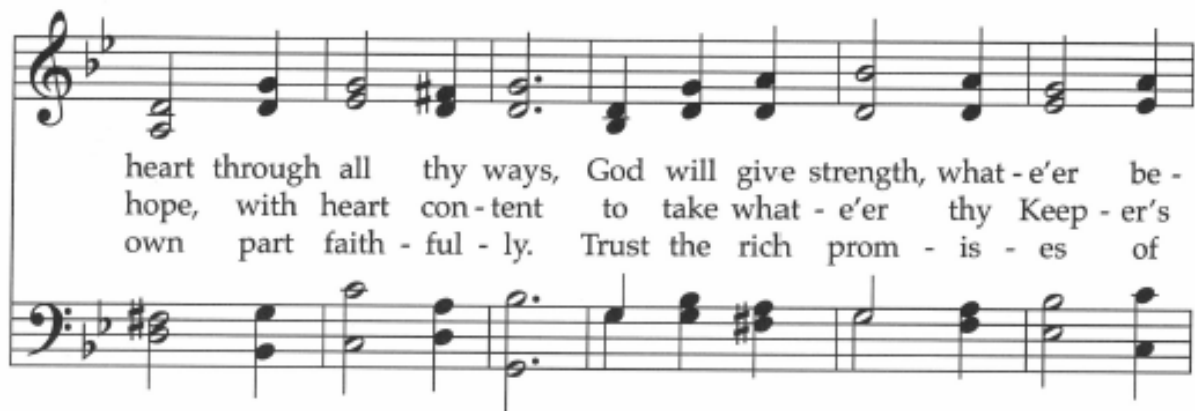
lean-ing,  
lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing,  
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

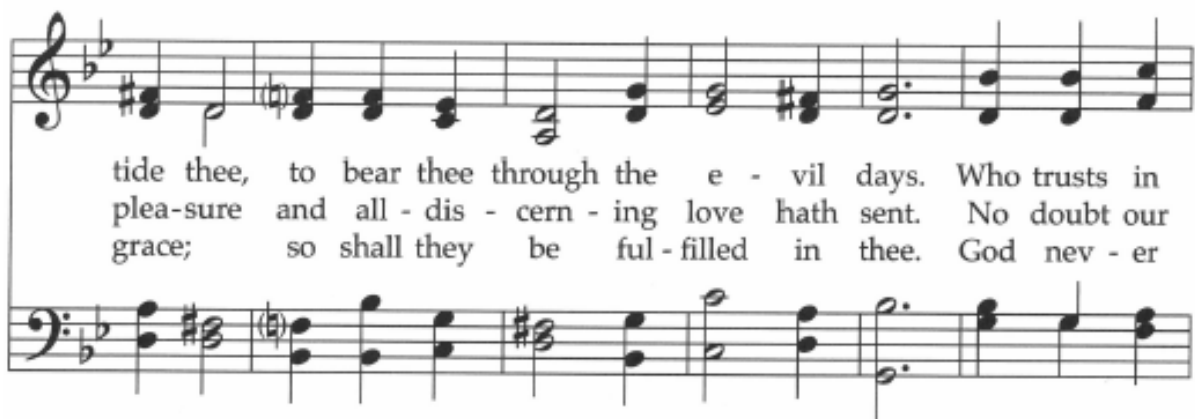
# If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



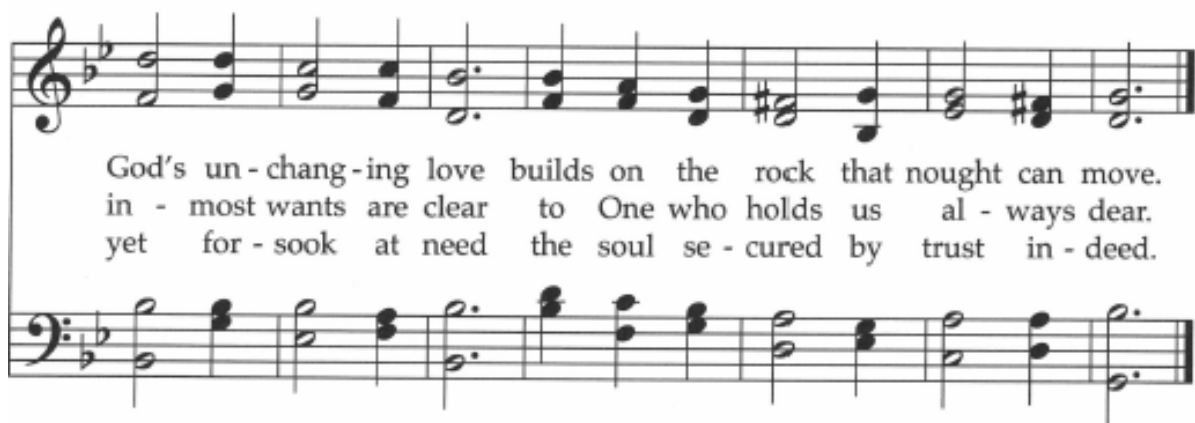
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



# **Lenten Prayer Group**

**Wed. February 21**

**Wed. February 28**

**Wed. March 6**

**Wed. March 13**

**7-8pm at The Manse**

Learn a little about different prayer practices, and share what what's happening in your life or in the world that you would like to bring to the Lord in prayer. We'll take time to pray for one another and for all of those needs.

We each come to prayer with a different comfort level, experience, and preferred style or practice. We welcome you wherever you are on your prayer journey. Perhaps this is the opportunity you are seeking to grow in faith during Lent!

Join us every week, or drop in once or twice as you are able.

Our time of prayer will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you can help with snacks on any of the evenings, let Pastor Katja know.

# 40 CANS FOR LENT

FEBRUARY 14—MARCH 30

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on almsgiving. Turn a small sacrifice in to a big help to someone in need.

The goal is to donate one can or non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Donations can be dropped off at the Church House.  
All Donations will go to the Eatontown Food Panty



## Meeting Schedule Week of February 19th

19	FEB, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
<hr/>			
20	FEB, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 1 – 2pm	Church & Society (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Session Meeting (TR)
<hr/>			
21	FEB, WED	● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Prayer Group (Manse)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
<hr/>			
22	FEB, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
<hr/>			
24	FEB, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
<hr/>			
25	FEB, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)