

# March 10th, 2024

## Fourth 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** Morning Has Broken setting Charles Callahan

### **Candle Lighting**

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

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**People: Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.**

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**People: Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.**

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**People: Of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.**

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

**People: The gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.**

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

**People: The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.**

Leader: As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

**People: We are here. We are not alone.**

**Jesus Christ is among us today.**

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

**\*Hymn #35** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Let us go to the Lord to confess our empty and harmful words and seek the words of life and love:

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

**God of all virtue,**

**You speak every word with care and thoughtful consideration. You recognize that your words have the power to either build up or destroy, and so you guard your tongue, choosing to speak only life. We do not. We confess that we weaponize our words. We are quick to cast blame, to throw shade, to bear false witness against our neighbors. We start rumors and repeat lies. We recognize the power of our words. Forgive us our misuse of that power.**

**Encourage us to join you in speaking words of life and love. Amen.**

### **Moment for Silent Reflection**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. (Psalm 85:8).

**People: May this word from the Lord endure forever!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** James 3:5b-10

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

### **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 #722** Lord, speak to Me That I May Speak

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Mark 14:53-65

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

**Sermon:** " Words False and True "

**Offering**

**Offertory** Lord, Teach Us to Pray

setting Charles Callahan

**\*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** Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me  
Wonderful words of life  
Let me more of their beauty see  
Wonderful words of life  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty

**Refrain**

*Beautiful words, wonderful,  
Words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful,  
Words, wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life  
Let me share them with all I meet  
Wonderful words of life  
Words that speak with compassion,  
Words that show love and kindness. **Refrain**

Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Share your neighbor's laughter,  
Comfort those who suffer. **Refrain**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing  
setting Charles Callahan

***Today's flowers are in celebration of  
 Sandy Curtis' birthday!***

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Debi Carter</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Peter Bruguiera</b>
	<b>Bill Schanck</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>



**Order your Easter Lilies for the Chancel  
 For Easter Sunday March 31, 2024.  
*March 24th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory/ Honor of (circle one)**

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my Lily(s) following the 10:00 AM Easter Service

\_\_\_\_ Deacons please deliver to someone in need of care

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

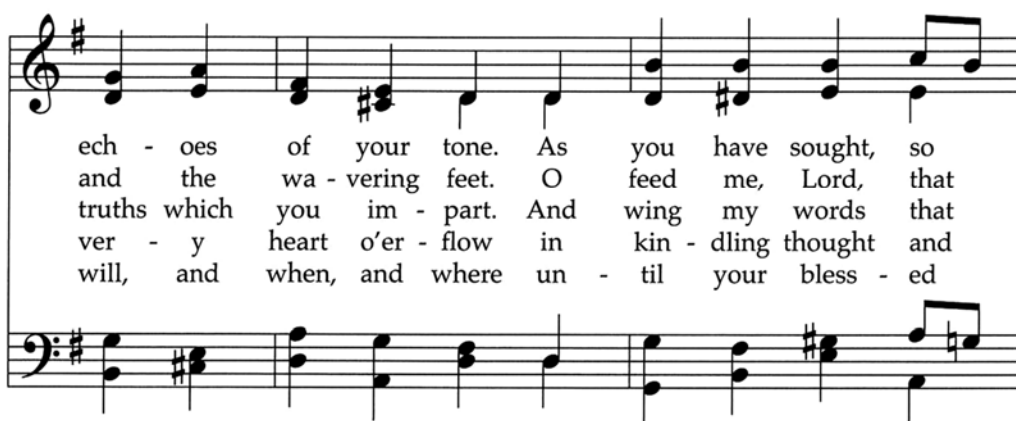
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

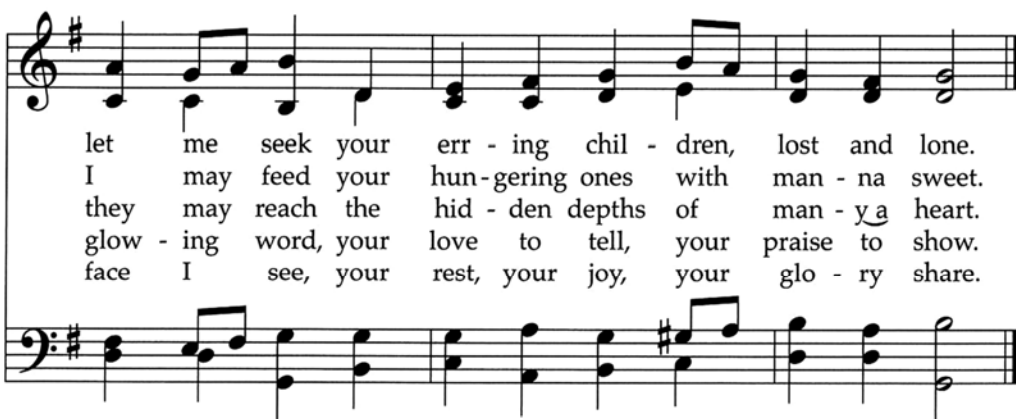
## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday! Join our palm procession to begin worship. Stay for brunch hosted by the Fellowship Committee after the service!

Thursday, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm. A service commemorating the Last Supper and the road to the Cross. You are invited to also sign up to participate in the Maundy Thursday Vigil, beginning after the service.

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday! We look forward to glorious praise through music led by our choir, bell choir, and trumpet. Back by popular demand: the congregation will be invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus.



## Holy Week

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**BRUNCH**  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
MARCH 24TH  
FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
SPONSORED BY THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

A poster for Palm Sunday Brunch. The background features a close-up of green palm fronds. A white cross is superimposed on the left side. The text is in a bold, green, serif font.

## Meeting Schedule Week of March 11th

11	MAR, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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12	MAR, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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13	MAR, WED	● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Prayer Group (Manse)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
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14	MAR, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 12 – 12:30pm	Homesteaders Chair Yoga (FH)
		● 12:30 – 2:30pm	Homesteaders Luncheon(FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
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16	MAR, SAT	● 3 – 4:30pm	Genealogy Group (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
17	MAR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 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)