

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


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

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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Our Hope, Our Life

(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



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 - cleaning products – *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. www.oceansharborhouse.org.



Schedule Week of March 13th

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