

March 26th, 2023

Fifth 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

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing Kirsten Schanck

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William B. Bradbury

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, in creation you fashion us in your image.

People: Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed.

Leader: In Christ you reveal to us your love.

People: Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your love for us might be returned.

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers.

People: Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that our fellowship in Christ be renewed.

***Hymn #716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
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Call to Confession *(based on Isaiah 55:6-7)*

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of justice and love,

We confess that we desire to receive forgiveness more than we desire to forgive. We pray “forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors” sincerely meaning the first part, but not always the second. As you have mercy upon us, may we learn how powerful a force mercy is for healing the rifts between us. May your example show us the way. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Romans 6 :1-11

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 #726** Will You Come and Follow Me

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Second Scripture Lesson John 8:2-11

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Sermon "The Problem with Forgiveness"

Offering

Offertory Here I am Lord Setting by Lloyd Larson

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Music and lyrics page 6

***Benediction**

Postlude Beneath the Cross of Jesus Setting by Dale Wood

Flowers today are given in memory of Doris & Ed Cocco and Jean & Edward Carter by Mike & Debi Cocco

Worship Leaders

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| Pastor: | Rev. Katja Gruening |
| Liturgist: | Mike Cocco |
| Organ and Piano: | Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth Marcello Velame |
| Duet: | Sean Starke Jeni Weber |
| Ushers: | Sue Starke Cari Suarez Diane Suarez |
| Zoom Hosts: | John Palframan Jim Wright |
| Coffee Hour: | Mission Belles |

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

(F#m)

(Bm)

(G)

(A)

(D)



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Holy Week Services

The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury



Palm Sunday

4/2/23, 10am, Sanctuary

Gather at the church house at 9:45am to join in our procession with palms, singing, and handbells, or meet us in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Service & Vigil

4/6/23, 7pm, Sanctuary

Join us for contemplative prayer at 7pm

Sign up to keep vigil for one hour between 8pm and 9am
in the sanctuary, or on Zoom

Signup sheet in church house foyer, or via Sign-up Genius link on website.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

4/7/23, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

A service of lengthening shadows as the story of Jesus's last days and crucifixion are dramatically told, including holy communion.

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection

4/9/23, 10am, Sanctuary

On the most holy day of the year, join us in great celebration of the resurrection of the Lord!

Joyous music from our choir, handbell choir, and trumpet.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Special Offerings

Hunger – Disaster – Development

Every time we set a table
where all hungry hearts can eat;
every time we welcome neighbors
and we add an extra seat;
and every time we live as servants,
free to wash each other's feet,

IN OUR LIVING, IN OUR GIVING, WE ARE THERE



One Great Hour of Sharing is a tradition 70 years old. It is the largest special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. OGHS offering will be dedicated next week on Palm Sunday. Please consider giving as we follow in Jesus' example.

Blue OGHS envelopes are in the pews, or use your own envelope from home. Please make out the checks to PCAS with OGHS on the memo line.

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.



Schedule Week of March 27th

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| 27 | MAR, MON | ● 4:30 – 5:30pm | Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(studio) |
| | | ● 7 – 9pm | Boy Scouts (FH) |
| 28 | MAR, TUE | ● 9 – 10:30am | Zoom Bible Study |
| | | ● 9:30 – 10:30am | Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(studio) |
| | | ● 11am – 12pm | Overeaters Anonymous (TR) |
| | | ● 12 – 2pm | Church & Society (O) |
| 30 | MAR, THU | ● 9:30 – 10:30am | Wisdom Tree Yoga - Yoga for Bone Health (studio) |
| | | ● 4:45 – 5:45pm | Yoga Small Group - (FH) |
| | | ● 6 – 7pm | Bells (Social Room) |
| | | ● 7:15 – 8:15pm | GF Service Rehearsal (FH) |
| 1 | APR, SAT | ● 8 – 9:30am | Men's Group (offsite) |
| | | ● 7:30 – 9pm | AA (TR and FH) |
| 2 | APR, 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) |