



# Sunday Worship

## March 23, 2025

*Draw near to God  
for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!*

**We seek God's presence in our lives.**

*Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.*

**Even though we have not produced the "fruits" of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**

*Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!*

**We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence.**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #442** Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me some to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2. Just as I am, thou tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS**

**This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to you Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 *from The Message*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #441** Hear the Good News of Salvation

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

*Refrain:* Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: *Refrain*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 13:1-9

**SERMON** How Do We Look at Bad Things?

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of all, we give our offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give our offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give our offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with our offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

**\*HYMN #307** God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 23, 2025**

**This week, the carillon is in memory of Florence and Josephine Blumrick. Florence was the mother of Ed Blumrick and Josephine(Fuzzy) was Ed's wife, organist for many years in the church and Courtney Woolslayer's grandmother.**

**WELCOME JENNIFER STEPHENS:** who is our guest musician this week.

**CONGREGATION MEETING:** following services today. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Bell Sub-Committee.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Donations continued to be received throughout the season of Lent. This ecumenical organization works at ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people. The final offering will be on Easter Sunday.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Meets tonight at 7 p.m. The group will be packing the snacks donated by the congregation for the Welcome Church.

**BOOK GROUP:** The Next meeting of the Book Group is Sunday, March 30 following worship. The book to be discussed is An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. As it says on the book cover, it is "The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny." Bunny Pierce will be leading the discussion. All are invited to attend.

**DINE AND DONATE FUNDRAISER:** March 24 at The Wyck (formerly known as The Candlewyck). From 5-8:00 you can dine at the restaurant and 20% of your bill will be donated to the church for the Church Bell Project. Flyers for the event are available on the table in Fellowship Hall. These are needed in order for the donation to be made.

**WELCOME CHURCH:** On Sunday, April 6 all are welcome to accompany Pastor Su to Philadelphia to hand out snack bags to the homeless and then attend the outdoor Welcome Church worship service. Participants will leave the church for Philadelphia at 1:00. Contact Pastor Su if interested.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** The gathering will be Friday, April 4 at 6:00 PM at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. It's Pet Night. Participants will make cat and dog treats and toys to be donated to the local animal shelter. Dinner is potluck. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week, we are asking for Gluten-Free Foods and Dried herbs and spices. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

**This week's calendar of events:**

<b>March</b>	<b>23</b>	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
		11:00 am	Congregational Meeting followed by Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>March</b>	<b>24</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study
		4:15 pm	Deacon Meeting – in-person at the church
		5:00 – 8:00 pm	Dine and Donate Fundraiser at The Wyck
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>25</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting on Zoom
<b>March</b>	<b>26</b>	11:30 am	Mid-week Lenten Worship
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Bob Propsner

**Deacon of the month:** Leanne Yerkes

**Ushers:** Paul Wachtendorf and Mike Guarracino

**Coffee hour:** Emilee Cullerton

**Sunday school Teacher:** Karen Myers

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Evin Kimbel, Ray Curran, Dick Wright



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