



Let's Worship!

February 18, 2024—10:30 AM

First Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship

Leader Beverly Mate; Pastor, the Rev. David Wenker; Production

Maxwell Moran

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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**TODAY WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE
"COMMUNITY BELL CHOIR" UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CAROLYN
MELDRUM.**

A LENTEN GIFT FOR YOU

We are providing a special downloadable **Lent Devotional Guide** for you, your friends, family, and neighbors to use. You can download the guide from our website, and share the love and light of Jesus, and the devotional, with others as we begin our journey!

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Pastor David Wenker's message today is "Walking with Jesus: Accepting Delays". One of the hardest things we do as humans is waiting. It gets harder when the delay is intentional by the one we are waiting to arrive. If we only know why the delay is happening and how long the delay will be we can tolerate it to a degree. We may still feel frustrated at our inability to make things happen when and how we want. Our text today gives us a glimpse into the reasons Jesus intentionally delayed visiting with Mary and Martha when their brother, Lazarus, died. They had requested Jesus come immediately when Lazarus became

sick, but Jesus delayed. Learning to accept what we can't control is a lesson we need to learn repeatedly as the circumstances of life are constantly changing for us.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Our worship experience today features the Community Handbell Choir under the direction of Carolyn Meldrum.

Ringers are: Pastor Dave Wenker, Janet Wenker, Beverly Mate, Marge Wetherill, Jayne McDonough, Gretchen Sorenson, Mary Lou McPherson, Gayle Copley, Vivian Dowling.

The opening hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!, was written in the early 1800s during Reginald Heber's time as vicar (1807–1823) in Hodnet, Shropshire, England, a period in which the author was prolific, writing more than 100 hymns. It was published.

The special music by the Community Handbell Choir, is *Onward Christian Soldiers*. The hymn was written in 1865 by the English Anglican priest Sabine Baring-Gould, to be sung by children in a Pentecost procession as they marched from one village to another.

Our closing hymn is *Amazing Grace*. The words are life reflections of John Newton, a slave trader who nearly died in a shipwreck, and who eventually became a minister. He penned the famous words of "Amazing Grace" for a sermon for his 1773 New Year's service at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

PRELUDE - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR - DIRECTED BY CAROLYN MELDRUM

WELCOME - REV. DAVID WENKER

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) BEVERLY MATE

(Psalm 100)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

MUSIC HYMN - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! BLUE HYMNAL #138

**1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim**

**Falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, And evermore shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, In love and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations,
and the ways we have fallen short before our God.
Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

**Dear Lord Jesus, purify the desires of our
hearts. Our hearts long for all sorts of things
we think will give us peace. But peace is a gift
that comes only from you. Tune our hearts to
desire you, to love you more than all of these
other things. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN**

SILENT REFLECTION:

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

God of grace, help us seek you and the truth you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 11:1-16

The Death of Lazarus

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he

was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.” After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 11:17-44

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here,

my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from

dying?” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

**MESSAGE -- WALKING WITH JESUS: ACCEPTING
DELAYS" - REV. DAVID WENKER
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**MUSIC - ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS - COMMUNITY
HANDBELL CHOIR - DIRECTED BY CAROLYN MELDRUM**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING -
Beverly Mate**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

OFFERTORY - AMAZING GRACE - COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR - DIRECTED BY CAROLYN MELDRUM

THE LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Birthdays
& Anniversaries**

The worship flowers are given to the glory of God, in celebration of their 68th Wedding Anniversary, by Fred and Anne Ferrari

Order worship flowers or Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate.

Happy 68th Anniversary to Fred & Anne Ferrari!

Happy Birthday to: Linda Hall (2/18),
Jayne McDonough (2/20)

Donate
40 Things in
40 days

Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. See the information card in the Narthex.



Starting Monday, February 19, 2024, Pastor Nichole and Pastor Wenker will be leading a Bible Study in the gospel of Mark. Pastor Wenker will lead the first week, 2/19. Pastor Nichole will lead the others. Join us Monday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. at Cape May Presbyterian or on Zoom - every Monday through March 25.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84705891917?
pwd=VmbasHaofRQawf67xZORaHgciLa1FJ.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84705891917?pwd=VmbasHaofRQawf67xZORaHgciLa1FJ.1)

Meeting ID: 847 0589 1917
Passcode: 932899

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: comfort for Pam Barsby on the passing of her husband, Bill; comfort for the family & friends of Joanne Miller on her passing; Karen Boyle for court approval to foster her grandchildren; Pam Smith's Brother, Rob on the passing of his daughter; Linda Schoonmaker in hospital recovering from heart surgery. The Fanelli family, on the passing of Katie; Boyajian family, on passing of Ron; Anne & Fred Ferrari's granddaughter, Jaime, recovering from brain surgery

Those on hospice care: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Grover, Glenn, Candy, and Donna.

Prayer

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.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers, Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers, Now we are friends.

MUSIC HYMN: AMAZING GRACE - BLUE HYMNAL #280, VERSES 1,2,3 & 5

**1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.**

BENEDICTION: REV. DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace!

So glad you've joined us.

Please share your joy and worship experience with others, including with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. The best gift you can offer is to invite others to join you next week!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI
#7102394

2. Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God
Almighty: John Bacchus Dykes/

5. Amazing Grace: John Newton; CCLI #4755360

Reginald Heber: CCLI Song
#1156

3. Onward Christian Soldiers: Arthur
Seymour Sullivan/Sabine Baring-
Gould: CCLI Song #47017

4. Doxology. CCLI #4255578