



Let's Worship!

March 3, 2024 — 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough,
Worship Leader Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Elder Norris Clark;
Production: Max Moran

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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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! There are a few printed weekly copies available in the narthex today.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Elder Norris Clark will be giving the message while Pastor Dave and Janet are away. Norris begins a three part series today, titled "To Tell the Truth", with the message "To Tell the Truth About God".

MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn is *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. This devotional hymn was written in 1918 by Helen Lemmel, an accomplished hymnwriter and soloist, the daughter of a Methodist Minister. She was moved to write the words and music after reading a small booklet by Lillias Trotter entitled "Focussed" and hearing of her life story. She titled the hymn "The Heavenly Vision" but it is best known by the first line of the refrain, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus".

The hymn following the message is *He Leadeth Me*, by American Joseph Gilmore (1834-1918) was birthed out of a particular struggle in American history. This hymn was composed in 1862 during the Civil War, a time of upheaval and insecurity. The author was preaching at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia soon after his ordination. Dr. Carlton R. Young, The United Methodist Hymnal editor, cites Gilmore's recollections on the hymn's formation: "I set out to give the people an exposition of the 23rd Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words 'He Leadeth Me.' Psalm 23:2, 'he leadeth me beside the still waters,' became the theme of the song"

Our closing hymn is *How Great Thou Art*. Southern Sweden was the place where "How Great Thou Art" had its beginning in 1886. It was written in the home of author and editor, Carl Boberg, a member of the Swedish Parliament from 1912 to 1931. The song was known in several countries before it finally reached the shores of the United States. In the early 1920s, the Rev. and Mrs. Stuart K. Hine left their home in England and went to Poland as missionaries. It was there they learned the Russian version of Boberg's song, "O Store Gud." Hine then wrote original English lyrics and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody. And so we now have "How Great Thou Art."

PRELUDE - JAYNE MCDONOUGH

WELCOME - NORRIS CLARK

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) MARGE WETHERILL

Psalms 19:7-10)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.

Let us worship God!

MUSIC HYMN - TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS, RED HYMNAL #87

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face;

And the things of earth

Will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting

He passed, and we follow Him there;

Over us sin no more hath dominion—

For more than conquerors we are!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face;

And the things of earth

Will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

**3. His Word shall not fail you— He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Even our best efforts fall short. Yet our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION:

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: PSALM 145:1-21 (RESPONSIVELY)

A psalm of praise. Of David.

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.**

The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

**All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.**

They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.**

The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them
their food at the proper time.**

You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.**

The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 3:16-19, 21

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

MESSAGE - PART 1 - "TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD" -

NORRIS CLARK

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC - HE LEADETH ME - RED HYMNAL #410, VERSES 1,2,3

**1. He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me!**

**By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

**2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By water's still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

**3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:

God's house does not operate according to the logic of the market, but according to the abundance of God's grace. Let us each give what we have, trusting that by God's generosity, it will be enough. Let us receive the morning offering.

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



The flowers that beautify the chancel are given by Dale and Jonna Myers in celebration of their daughter Amy's birthday. Order worship flowers or Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information,

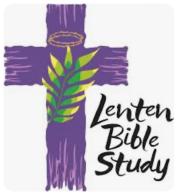
**Birthdays
& Anniversaries**

**Donate
40 Things in
40 days**

contact Beverly Mate.

Happy Birthday to Amy Myers (3/3) and Buddy Dehart (3/7),

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



The Lenten Bible Study of the gospel of Mark, continues this Monday, March 4 at 4:00 pm with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson, who will be leading the remaining Monday's. Join us Monday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m. at Cape May Presbyterian or on Zoom - and every Monday through March 25.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Jean Richardson, injuries from a fall; Todd A., cancer has returned; Beverly's Brother, Russell suffering from a medical condition; Michael Drumgould, 9 yr old awaiting a heart transplant; for George Albanese recovering from shoulder surgery; comfort for Richard & the Mascaluso family, on the passing of Carol Mascaluso; comfort for the Barsby family on the passing of Bill Barsby; comfort for the family of Joanne Miller on her passing; Karen Boyle for approval to foster her grandchildren.

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

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Todd, 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: HOW GREAT THOU ART, BLUE HYMNAL #467

1. O Lord my God!

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout The universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods

And forest glades I wander And hear the birds

Sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

3. And when I think

That God, His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die,

I scarce can take it in; That on the cross,

My burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died To take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

BENEDICTION: NORRIS CLARK

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. Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus on: Helen ; CCLI Song #15960
3. He Leadeth Me: William B. Bradbury/Joseph H. Gilmore; CCLI Song #62762
4. Doxology. CCLI #4255578
5. How Great Thou Art: Stuart K. Hine; CCLI #14181