



# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

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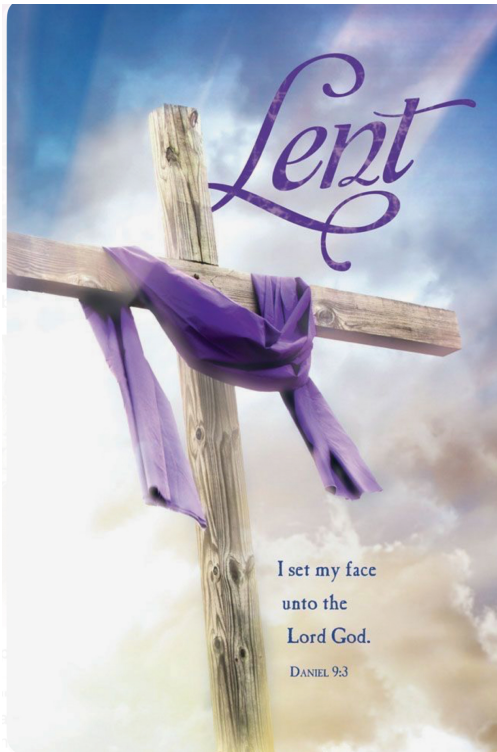
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team — Music Director: Jayne McDonough;

Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message:

Rev. James Shanley; Worship Production: Norris Clark.



## WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online:

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## MESSAGE PREVIEW

Rev. James Shanley's message is "Touched by Grace"

## MUSIC PREVIEW

**Select a favorite hymn** to sing today for our 5th Sunday hymn sing for the Offertory!

"The Church's One Foundation" was written in 1866 by Reverend Samuel Stone in response to a heresy spreading through the Anglican church at that time. A few years earlier, John Colenso, an Anglican bishop had published an essay questioning the inerrancy of Scripture. (Biblical inerrancy is the belief that the Bible, in its original manuscripts, is without error or fault in its teaching, affirming that it is wholly true in everything it asserts.) He believed that much of the Old Testament was mythology, and that Jesus had taught wrong things about Moses.

Several other Anglican bishops and ministers immediately responded to defend Christian orthodoxy, which led to a schism in the church. Samuel Stone wrote a series of twelve

hymns, based on the twelve articles of the [Apostle's Creed](#). This collection was called *Lyra Fidelium*. From this collection, the only hymn generally remembered today is “The Church’s One Foundation”, which was based on the ninth article of the Creed. It was set to a tune by Samuel Wesley, and included as one of the “modern” hymns in Wesley’s 1868 publication, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

Few hymns have connected with believers as deeply as “Grace Greater Than Our Sin.” This uplifting song was crafted by Julia Harriette Johnston (1849-1919), with its melody composed by Daniel Brink Towner (1850-1919). The combination of their talents resulted in a song that has inspired countless hearts with its message of human imperfection, God’s infinite grace, and the power of faith.

“God of grace and God of glory” was written while the United States was in the throes of the Great Depression between the two World Wars. Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor, especially in the urban Northeast during the Industrial Revolution.

**PRELUDE**

JAYNE McDONOUGH

**WELCOME:**

MARJORIE WETHERILL

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

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

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

One: God has called us before we were born.

**Many: God has named and claimed us**

**One: The light of God shines on all of us.**

**Many: We worship the Lord to shine God's love in the world.**

## **OPENING PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)**

(inspired by Psalm 32)

In times of trouble, in days of fear,

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

When we are hard-hearted and cynical, **Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

**Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.**

## **GATHERING HYMN "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" BLUE HYMNAL #442**

**1. The Church's one foundation**

**Is Jesus Christ her Lord;**

**She is His new creation**

**By water and the Word;**

**From heav'n He came and sought her**

**To be His holy bride;**

**With His own blood He bought her,**

**And for her life He died.**

**2. Elect from every nation,**

**Yet one o'er all the earth,**

**Her charter of salvation**

**One Lord, one faith, one birth;**

**One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up: "how long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.**

**4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Scripture promises us that no matter how far we stray from God's ways, when we make the decision to return to God, God runs to greet us with open arms. Trusting in the never-failing mercy of the Lord, let us turn to God together by confessing our sins.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable in the role of sinner.; you call us to be servants but we worry we lack the skills; you show us the work to be tackled but we turn away. Forgive us.**

**Guide us into the light of your never ending grace filled love. Amen.**

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)**

One: God is faithful and ever present. Through Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace and mercy. Enter the light.

**Many: Amen!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, your mercy is wide, but our understanding is limited. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, open our minds and our hearts, that your good news may reach the deepest places within us. Renew us in your forgiving love and enliven our imaginations to possibilities for sharing that love with others. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 2: 1-11**

#### **Jesus Changes Water Into Wine**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet

tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **MESSAGE: "TOUCHED BY GRACE"**

**REV. JAMES SHANLEY**

### **PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION -"GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN" RED HYMNAL #38, VERSES 1, 2, & 4**

**1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt**

**Chorus**

**Grace grace God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace grace God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin**

**2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater yes grace untold  
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross**

**4. Marvelous infinite matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe**

**You that are longing to see His face  
Will you this moment His grace receive**

## **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS -**

As people who have received the overflowing God's mercy, we respond with gratitude in our hearts and with the dedication of our lives to God's ways. Our offerings give us the opportunity both to express our gratitude and to commit our resources to God's gracious purposes in the world. Let us share what we have for the good of this community and the good of our neighbors.

## **OFFERTORY - 5TH SUNDAY HYMN SING**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

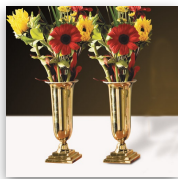
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below; praise  
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BIRTHDAYS BLESSINGS TO : SUSAN DEHART - APRIL 2**

**ROBERT HALL - APRIL 5**



**Flowers:** *Order Easter Flowers for dedications, Easter Lilly is \$18.00 each and Hyacinth at \$13.00 each. Order slips are on the table in the narthex, please complete the form and attach your payment. Return in the offering plate, give to Beverly Mate or the Church office.*

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information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).



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



Pick up the Lenten daily Bible readings schedule, from the Presbyterian Church USA, on the table in the narthex, for daily Lenten devotions and readings.

## RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: **Roseann Crook** suffering with breast cancer, she is the daughter of Joe & Roseann Paulits; **Max Moran** and Family on the passing of his **Mother in law**; **Charlie Keister** took a fall and is back in the hospital, **Barb Keister** also needs prayers for her injuries from the fall. **James Palmisano**, Dee Sloan's Brother, is now in hospice care; The McCaughey Family, on the passing of Jim's Brother, **Ed McCaughey**, who has been on our hospice care list; **Kiley Fulford**, 17 yrs old recently diagnosed with MS, Chuck & Barbara McPherson's Niece; **Kevin**, John Saalman's son in law, with severe depression is doing better; **Jean Gaskill**, Rev. Bill Gaskill's wife, healing from brain surgery; **Deanna Taylor**, receiving treatment for cancer.

**Continual prayer requested for: Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging;



**Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

**Those on hospice care: Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, James Palmisano.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment: Katrina Gonzalez, Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco Norma, Roseann Crook.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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.**

### **SENDING HYMN - "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY" BLUE HYMNAL #420, VERSES 1, 4 & 5**

**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.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

**5. 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:**

**REV. JAMES SHANLEY**

One: Go in the love of the One who  
strengthens us for the work to which we are  
called.

**Many: We go with grace to shine God's love into all the world. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**Go in peace. See you next week!**

*So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.*

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
2. *The Church's One Foundation: Samuel John Stone/Samuel Sebastian Wesley; CCLI Song #55377*
3. *Gloria* Public Domaine
4. *Grace Greater Than Our Sun: Julia Johnston/Daniel B. Towner; CCLI Song #31690*
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
6. *God of Grace and God of Glory; Harry Emerson Fosdick/John Hughes; CCLI Song #5474097*