

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Lonesome Valley" Robert Thygeron
Invocation

Hymn: #450 "Be Thou My Vision" (see download)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "The Lamb of God" Sarah Douglas

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (see download)

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs

and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the Wisdom of God. 25For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Sermon: **The Greatest Strength**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near;
O Christ, we spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."
2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.
4. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Matt Limbaugh

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Mary Weaver**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory
of my daughter Beth and my husband Fred
Given by Shirley Musselman**



The Way of Healing -A Lenten Study

We will have our Lenten Study at 5:30 this evening on Zoom. This year we will reflect on healing, the healing Jesus gave and gives, according to Scripture, and the healing we need.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering continues until March 28th, the Sundays of Lent through Easter Sunday. It is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Our gifts currently support programs in 100 countries. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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