

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Pange lingua

Giovanni Battista Fasolo

Sing, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

People: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 516 (blue hymnal) Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation *O quanta qualia*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most holy and merciful God, we confess in your presence the sinfulness of our nature and our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all that we have done to displease you; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

GOSPEL READING

John 9

SERMON

"The Blindness of Good Eyes"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

"But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." – John 9:41

*HYMN NO. 170 (blue hymnal) The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Johann Michael Bach

From God I Shall Not Turn

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Gottfried Walther

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And forget not all his benefits.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 413** (blue hymnal) All Who Love and Serve Your City *Charlestown*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*

***POSTLUDE** Dialogue Adriano Banchieri

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Gail Clark and Tim Crais.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Janice Rawe

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Jake Tidwell, Daniel Clark

GREETER: Jean Bonnyman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Nursery Staff

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS: Cile and Ed Mathews, Joanne and Ralph White

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Schilling and Oakes families in memory of Barbara Schilling's birthday, April 9, and in celebration of Clara Oakes' birthday, April 7.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **today**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

GREETERS ARE NEEDED for our 11:00 a.m. worship service on April 17 and for the month of May. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC comes to us from Germany and Italy. The chorale "Von Gott will ich nicht lassen" is set by the two composers from Middle Germany. The offertory is by J. S. Bach's father-in-law Johann Michael Bach, organist and a composer in the Thuringian towns of Arnstadt and Gehren, while the music for communion is Johann Gottfried Walther's two-verse setting. The prelude and postlude today are by Italians, both of whom were, coincidentally, monks. Adriano Banchieri lived his entire life in Bologna and is best known to Westminster by his music for brass. This morning's piece is reminiscent of his brass writing and it lives up to its name, juxtaposing phrases between the manuals of the organ. Though Italian-born, Giovanni Battista Fasolo spent most of his life in Sicily. His setting of the familiar chant "Pange lingua" is in four short verses, rich with imitation and counterpoint, each exploring a different color of the organ.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for Supervision tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected through the season of Lent. The offering is used to support those whose lives have been impacted by disaster, as well as those made vulnerable by hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. Our gifts are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

DISASTER RELIEF--JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for relief and disasters in Japan. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) shall honor the requests of donors concerning the use of their gifts for PDA programs; however, if the need for the funds for that specific project no longer exists, then those funds may be applied to a similar project or need at the discretion of PDA.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to join us or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$ _____ given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____

Westminster Players Present **God's Favorite**

by Neil Simon

Who knew misery could be so funny? *God's Favorite*, Neil Simon's comical retelling of the Bible's Book of Job will be presented **April 8-10** at Westminster. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. After wealthy Long Island businessman, Joe Benjamin is visited by God's eccentric messenger from Queens, his life takes a drastic turn for the worse. Destruction, devastation and divine comedy rain down on Joe to test his faith. With a pair of simple-minded twins underfoot, a rebellious, carousing son and wife Rose's kvetching, you'll be laughing to keep from crying. Will Joe put an end to his family's suffering by renouncing God, or will he hold fast to his faith come what may? The admission price is a \$10 donation at the door. A nursery will be provided for young children.