



ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 9:30 am Online Service

Prelude

Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis
NATE ZULLINGER, ORGAN

Gerald Near

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

(from Psalm 30)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Our souls will praise you and not be silent.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
(*Hymn located at the end of the bulletin*)

LORD MAKE US MORE HOLY

Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

(adapted from Galatians 6)

You have told us, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

But we are dismissive of other's burdens and reluctant to share our own.

You have warned us, "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit."

But we minimize the life of the Spirit, only turning to it during our troubles.

You have encouraged us, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up."

But we fail to take the long view of faith, giving up too easily on matters of justice, suspecting we can't make a difference.

You have instructed us, "Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all."

But we pass up opportunities to do the Spirit's work.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us and restore us as people who will bear each other's burden, who will attend to the Spirit, who will work for justice, who will be diligent in love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Kelli Masters

First Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-23

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Musical Offertory

Please make an offering to the ongoing work of the church. You can give online by using the giving button on the website at www.waynepres.org/giving/

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fruits of the Spirit: Faithfulness

CASEY THOMPSON

Communion

Closing Hymn 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)

FAITHFULNESS

Benediction

Postlude

Variations de Concert

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Joseph Bonnet

upcoming events

LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION – WEDNESDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 24

During the season of Lent the Sanctuary will be open from 5-7 PM on the five Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday for prayer and reflection. Since repentance and renewal are the touchstones of Lent, we will be offering members a solemn and safe place to be in communion with God. To that end, we ask that you use the southwest entrance to the sanctuary that faces Lancaster Ave. A mask is required to enter and socially distanced places will be marked in the pews. Please mark your calendar from 5-7 pm for the following Wednesdays in Lent: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 & March 24.

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM IN THE BULLETIN AND ONLINE

Scroll past the hymns and you'll find an order form to order Easter lilies that we'll use to decorate the sanctuary. Details are provided on the order form. You can also place your order online by going to the website. Questions? Contact Mary Lou mkendus@waynepres.org.

WPC BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Our current Book Club selection is, *Everything Happens for a Reason*, by Kate Bowler. Bowler explores how Christian theology can fall short as a source of explanation and comfort. Often the most repeated phrases intent on offering support can leave a person feeling a drift from God's love. Bowler, after receiving a terminal diagnosis, explores these themes and the comfort she found in God's abiding presence. Rev. Casey Thompson will be leading discussions in mid-April. See the church website for more information. <https://waynepres.org/one-book-one-church/everything-happens-for-a-reason/>

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting March 14 and concluding on Easter Sunday the focus will be on the events that happened during Holy Week. Contact Mrs. M at kelli@waynepres.org for more details.

WRITE IT FORWARD – A CHURCH-WIDE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

“Bringing joy to others is the fastest way to experience joy oneself!” Quoting the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Our letter writing campaign is off to great start! Anyone can receive a letter and EVERYONE can write a letter! This week's suggestion is write to someone who is of a different generation than yourself, younger or older. Let them know you are thinking of them! Questions? Email Janice Mack at gardengirl65@gmail.com.

AN INVITATION TO WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH IN APRIL

The winter is long, losses mount; grief is real and isolation complicating. Won't you join our community of caring to “walk the mourner's path”? Walking the Mourner's Path is a process oriented eight week class / series intended to help one move through grief forward into joyful living. Please consider joining if you have lost a loved one and would like to make space to grieve and move forward. For more information and to let us know of your interest in participating in a Walking the Mourner's Path class, please contact Lynne Samson, LynneSamson3@gmail.com or Buff Barnes, buffbarnes@gmail.com by March 8. The next class will begin in early April and will be on Zoom.

MARCH BLOOD DRIVE – MONDAY, MARCH 22 – 1:30 TO 6:30 PM

WPC is a Red Cross premier partner and we hope to keep it that way by filling 59 donation slots during our upcoming drive in March. All blood will be tested for Covid antibodies! Please take a slot and sign up at redcrossblood.org Sponsor - waynepres or on our church website. Thanks for being part of our Premier Team!

VIRTUAL FAMILY EASTER EVENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 28 – 4:00 PM

Join us for a special time of At-Home Celebration. Contact Mrs. M at kelli@waynepres.org for more details.

bible studies

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Weekly Classes on Wednesdays via Zoom - Women in the Word - 10:00 AM; Women after Work - 7:30 PM, led by Angela Tait.
- Word Before Work - Bi-Weekly Class on Wednesdays – 7:00 AM. Contact Nancy Dever for Zoom invitation, led by Katy Shevel.
- MOM's Bible Study on Thursdays - 4:00 PM, led by Debbie Rothkopf.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 AM via Zoom

This week Dr. Boyer, Professor of Theology at Eastern University is our guest speaker.

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313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

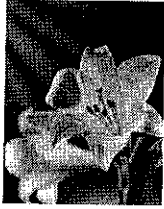
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Easter Lilies Order Form



The Sanctuary will be decorated for Easter with lilies this year! Place your order either online or by printing out this form and sending your payment to the office (info provided at the bottom of the form.) Please place your order before the Sunday, March 21, 2021 deadline. The cost for each plant is \$10.00. Pickup of lilies will be Saturday, April 3 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Please note the total number of lilies requested _____,
and check _____ here if you plan to pick up your plant(s) on Saturday April 3.

Name(s) of DONOR(S) (please print as legibly as possible)

Phone:

(cell / home phone that we can reach you at if we have questions)

Please check and print name(s) (as legibly as possible) to be:

_____ **Memorialized** (*deceased*)

_____ **Honored** (*living*)

ORDER(S) MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY MARCH 21.

If you are paying by check make it payable to: "Wayne Presbyterian Church" and send along with this form to:
WPC

Attn. Easter Lilies
125 East Lancaster Avenue, Wayne PA 19087

Proceeds benefit Wayne Presbyterian Church needs.