

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Beatrice Guenther

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Chuck Sinclair

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT HYMN *Now All the Woods Are Sleeping* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

All: **For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

All: **For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

All: **For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power. O come, let us worship the Lord!**

*HYMN #415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Restoration

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

We remember our Lenten commitments with these words from Psalm 51: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Let us confess our sins to God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

CHORAL KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) *based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-17*

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymnal #585

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION Habitat for Humanity

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-11

ANTHEM *O Lamb of God* Richard Shephard

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-26

SERMON *"Confounding Relationships"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *What Wondrous Love Is This* Chuck Sinclair

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #710 *We Lift Our Voices, We are An Offering*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;
they are your: we are an offering.*

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

we are an offering; we are an offering.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* Wondrous Love

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Abide In Me* Stephen Deeter

POSTLUDE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Chuck Sinclair

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Scarlett Nic, Linda Smith's sister, Carol; Julius Peter (Eniko's brother), Alta Coddling, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

A special thank you to Aaron Roos for filling in for Heather today.

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A More Light Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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"Confounding Relationships"



SPRING IS COMING!

Garden sign-up starts March 15th at We Meet in Fellowship Hall at the big green board. You may have the same garden as last year. Also, there'll be a sign-up sheet for Cork's tomato starts. A self-serve seed exchange and seed catalogs to peruse and share. Cork will be at that We

Meet to answer any questions.

Opening the Garden is planned for April 8th. Help us clean up and fix up the garden beds. Turn, dig out, and distribute compost. And rototill all the beds so planting can commence. Any questions can be directed to Corky Dunsmore 419-345-8415 or cdunsmore@woh.rr.com.

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. **Refrain**

Refrain: ***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. **Refrain**
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. **Refrain**

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Week of March 12 thru March 19

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Refreshments & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Youth Group |
| | | Mission Committee meeting |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts in Green Lounge |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation Group in the FH |
| MONDAY | | OFFICE IS CLOSED |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Horizon Youth Theatre play practice |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Study via Zoom |
| TUESDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group in the Green Lounge |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Session meeting in the Gathering Place |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. in the Green Lounge |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop |
| | 12:00 p.m. | BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS. |
| | | Lenten Lunches – this week at St. Al's Catholic Church |
| | 5:30 p.m. | We Meet Dinner & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Outreach meeting in the Gathering Place |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons' Shop is open to the public |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Meditation Group in the Green Lounge |
| FRIDAY | 4:30 p.m. | Horizon Youth Theatre play practice |
| SATURDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Horizon Youth Theatre play practice |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Deacons' meeting in the Green Lounge |



We Meet meets every Wednesday in March from 5:30 - 6:30 for Dinner. After dinner this week we will be having a class from 6:15 until 7:00 on artistic expressions of faith and we will be doing a take-home artistic expression activity. are more than welcome to! Please place a W next to your name in the friendship pad if you plan to come or tell Amanda so we have enough food. .



Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at fpcbgjeff@gmail.com. **This next week the sermon is “Confounding Healing”** based on the scripture reading from **John 9:1-41**. *The blind man in our story today cannot explain his healing, but he is more than happy to testify to it. Everyone else, however, strives after an explanation for this most confounding occurrence (especially the pharisees). Yet their lack of understanding originates not only in God’s gracious act of healing and loving, but in a flawed assumption about the nature of illness in the first place.*



The **Bowling Green Ministerial Association** is again doing a **Lenten luncheon** series during the Lenten season. The lunches are at Noon at different churches that are part of the association. The lunch begins at 12:05 and is at St. Al’s Catholic Church this week.

New Church Directory - The Membership Committee is planning to release a new church directory this fall. During coffee hour in March, committee members will be available with current directory lists so you can review and approve your address and phone information. **Dale Smith will be taking individual photos for the directory after church starting March 26th and throughout April.** A sign up for photo sessions will be in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin.



One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. **In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.**

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We will be receiving the OGHS offering on Easter Sunday, April 9th.



Public Tax Dollars Subsidizing Private Schools: Understanding Ohio’s Current School Voucher Programs and the Impact of Proposed “Backpack Bills”

Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 7-8 pm

Simpson Garden Building Auditorium
1291 Conneaut Avenue, Bowling Green

The League of Women Voters of Bowling Green invites you to a public forum on the impact of Ohio’s school voucher programs on public schools. The forum will include a brief presentation and panel discussion with local superintendents (Tom Hosler, Perrysburg Schools and Matt Geha, Springfield Schools) and treasurers (Adam Koch, Sylvania Schools and Cathy Schuller, Bowling Green City Schools). The discussion will be facilitated by BGSU Teaching Professor, Todd Cramer.

Ohio’s League of Women Voters (LWV) is a non-partisan group that does not endorse any candidate or political party. After careful study and consideration, LWV does take a position on certain public issues. The LWV’s statement on Primary and Secondary Education states: LWV support *the use of public funds only for public schools. Support an elected State Board of Education whose responsibility is policy making/planning. Support state education standards as a method of attaining a high- quality education. Support state funding for education that guarantees a realistic and equitable level of per- pupil expenditures, and support local school districts assuming a reasonable share of the financial burden.*



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 15 white Easter Lilies for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$15.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word “lily” on the memo line.** Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is March 31st, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 9. Please fill out your easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____
Phone number _____
In Memory or Honor of _____
No. of plants ordered _____