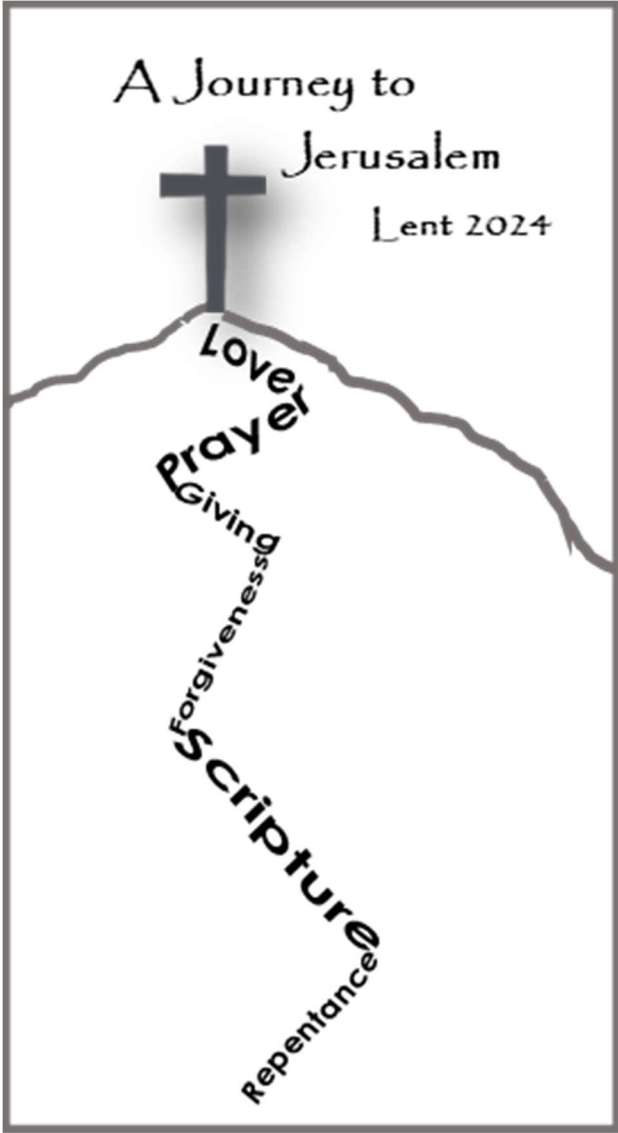


First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude "Summer Air" by David Laskey

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit "How Great Thou Art," v. 3 by Stuart K. Hine

Gathering Prayer

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

✠ Call to Worship from Lam. 3:40-41 & Mic. 6:6, 8

Call: Let us test and examine our ways,

Response: *and return to God our Maker.*

Call: Let us lift up our hearts to our Creator,

Response: *we will raise our hands to God in heaven.*

Call: With what shall we come before the Author of Being,

Response: *and bow before our Sovereign on high?*

Call: God has shown us what is good. And what is required of us?

Response: *To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.*

✠ Song of Praise "In Christ Alone"

by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us acknowledge our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sin together.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Were it not for God's compassion, acts of repentance and confession would have no value. But the very pain that Jesus endured reveals to us a God who suffers not only for us, but with us.

There is no more eloquent assurance. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Give thanks to God.

Thanks be to God who gives us mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Hymn of Prayer "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

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Prayers of the People

Call: In your mercy,

Response: *hear our prayer*

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club.

Choral Anthem "O Come, Angel Band"
by Jefferson Hascall & William B. Bradbury, arr. Sheldon Curry

Scripture Reading Numbers 21:4-9 OT p. 139
2 Corinthians 5:21 NT p. 181

Message Snake Bitten

RESPONDING TO THE LORD

A brief silence for personal confession.

Hymn of Response "Rock of Ages" #204

Giving our Gifts

✠ Doxology "Old Hundredth" # 625

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving & *The Lord's Prayer*

SENDING WITH THE SPIRIT

✠ Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #66

✠ Blessing

✠ Choral Benediction "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Helen H. Lemmel

✠ Postlude "Come and See" by James Denton

✠ All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: Prayer of Confession and Prayer for Illumination from *The Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA. Prayers of the People from Homiletics Online. All other liturgy by Don C. Skinner, *Prayers for the Gathered Community*, 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Welcome to our Church!

Thank you for worshiping with us.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate.

Let us know if we can assist you.

Sunday Servants

<u>Ushering:</u>	Brenda Carpenter	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee
<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch	<u>Kids Church:</u>	Dan Carpenter

All for the glory of God.

*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Bulletin

This week's happenings

Sun. Mar. 10	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Lent #4
	11:30 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		Coffee Hour
Mon. Mar. 11	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. Mar. 12	10:00 a.m.	Quilters
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wed. Mar. 13	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
		Bulletin deadline
Thu. Mar. 14		Session Reports due
Fri. Mar. 15	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. Mar. 17	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Lent #5
	11:30 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		Deacons' Meeting

You're invited to the
Dryden High School performance of
Footloose
on Saturday March 16th at 2pm.
Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students & seniors)
(and look out for Morgan Conway, Gale's granddaughter!)

Easter Sunrise Service

7 a.m., March 31 at the Uttechs' home.

There will be a brief outdoor service followed by a breakfast.

We will move indoors if raining.

Directions: Drive south on Rt. 38 to Harford, turn left on Rt. 221 and go 6.3 miles. Long driveway on the right.

GPS 2290 State Rt. 221, Marathon, NY 13803.

(Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.)



Prayer and Praise

Marsha Smith's brother, Tom, passed peacefully March 3. Marsha says, "Thank you . . . for your prayers, hugs and support. It was very comforting."

Phyllis Smith will be 94 on March 12. She would love cards from friends in our congregation! 409 Bella Vista Dr. Ithaca, NY 14850.

Dave Parsons asks for prayer for his co-worker, **Kim Zimmer**, a mother of young children and breast cancer survivor who is now battling secondary cancer.

Let us continue to pray for the peace in war-torn nations, and for continued safety for **Aleeza Bravershteyn**, still in Jerusalem.

We continue to pray for **Cindy Price, Jessica's Aunt Kim. Rhonda Haftman** is waiting for surgery. All are in treatment for breast cancer.

Please remember **Dave Gross** in your prayers as he continues to battle long term health issues.

Barb Davidson asks for continued prayer for her son, Tom.

If you would like to list a prayer request, please contact the church office at 607-844-8321 or drydenpresoffice@gmail.com

We are about to embark on our annual participation in The Special Offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. We are asked to join with other Presbyterian churches across the country to pool our resources to assist fellow humans in need by restoring hope, feeding the hungry, and empowering the oppressed. Please note the pertinent note in the current newsletter and look for bulletin inserts and pew envelopes in the next two Sundays as we focus on OGHS as part of our congregation's mission presence.

We have an on-going need for ushers and Kids Club volunteers! Check your heart, and if you feel drawn to either of these opportunities, check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name!



Both are great ways to contribute to the mission of the church.
Thank you. The Worship Committee



In Christ Alone

Verse 1:

In Christ Alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2:

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4:

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Text: Helen H. Lemmel

Music: *Lemmel*, Helen H. Lemmel

Rock of Ages

Verse 1:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Verse 2:

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and Thou alone.

Verse 3:

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

Verse 4:

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken

Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

To God Be the Glory

Verse 1:

To God be the glory – great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He hath done!

Verse 2:

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

Music: *To God Be the Glory*, William H. Doane