

March 21, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Camper Scholarship Offering

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 59)

L/ Our offenses and sins are numerous, both as individuals and as a society. We rebel against the Lord, we fail to help the poor, we fail to welcome the foreigner, we fail to show hospitality and warmth, we trust wealth instead of God's provision. We have turned from God so justice is turned back and truth is defeated in our streets. Our leaders pursue those who tell the truth and cast lies like a deceiving spider catching prey.

**C/ The Lord looked and was displeased. Since no one intervened but all took sides, the Lord himself worked salvation. The Lord put on righteousness and truth. The Lord will restore true justice and the nation will again keep the covenant.**

L/ The Lord will come as a Redeemer in Zion to those who repent of their sins.

Hymn of Praise: #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Confession

L/ O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

**All/ Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.** (*remain standing*)

“Special Music”

Reading of Scripture

First New Testament Reading: Luke 2: 29-35 (Page 1592)

Second New Testament Reading: John 19: 25-27 (Page 1684)

Hymn: #319 Near the Cross (*remain seated*)

Sermon: “Mary Did You Know?” (Based on Luke 2: 25-35, 47-52; John 19: 25-27)

Offertory; Doxology #815  
Prayer for Tithes and Offering Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ Most gracious Father, we lift up our hearts to you, from whom alone comes our strength. Help us to trust you so completely that we trust you in Light and in Dark. Your mercies are fresh each morning and renewed each night. Help us to praise you for all your goodness and love.

**C/ Teach us to see how you care for us, so much that nothing can ever separate us from you. Make us useful in the world and zealous in your service. Conform us ever more closely to your Son Jesus and send your Spirit to dwell in us and keep us in Him. All this in the name of Jesus the Christ! Amen.** (Benjamin Warfield, 1916, Presbyterian Theologian)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #329 There Is Power in the Blood (*stand if able*)

Ministry Leaders

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Rick Porter

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

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Attendance: 03/14/21 - 21  
Offering: 03/14/21 - mi\$1960.00  
Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00  
Per Capita for 2021 paid: 25  
Gifts to Roof Project to date: \$2465.00  
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**-Birthdays this week:** March 25<sup>th</sup> – Marvel Byers, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Kyle Louscher, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Myrna Matthiesen and March 26<sup>th</sup> – Lyla Akkerman.

**-Birthday Correction:** March 6<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln Marki, not March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sorry for the mix up and thank you for letting me know.

-If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office.

-Reminder: Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00. Also, we've seen a rise in the cost of the Offering Envelopes. Please be aware that the tan envelope in the front of your box is to be used to help offset these costs.

-The Prospect Hill Presbytery has a practice of praying for the churches within the Presbytery. We can be connected to other Presbyterians by following this schedule.  
Week of March 21st – PUCC, LeMars – Rev. Janice Christensen.

-Confirmation will be this Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.

-If you have not received a Tax form about your Tithes and Offerings for the Year 2020. Please call and leave a message with your name and address to Ann McClain at (712) 330-2868. Thank You!

-Today is Camper Scholarship Offering.

**-Notice:** Anyone interested in being the Church Treasurer, **Please** contact the Office or Brian Kessler.

-Newsletter Deadline is this Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

-Red Roses and Ivy would like you to know that Easter Lilies are for sale at \$16.50 + tax, which includes foil and bow. If interested call them at (712) 832-3500 to order and tell them which Church you want you Lily to be delivered to. Deadline to order is Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

-Roof financial Drive started on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please write in the memo of your check that this is where you want it to be designated. Any questions please look at your March Newsletter for details.

**-Easter Egg Drive Thru** will be on Sturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. Monetary donations for candy, etc. and volunteers are needed. Any questions please contact Nancy Younie. Thank You in advance!

