

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
March 6, 2022 – The First Sunday in Lent
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

THE LENTEN CANDLES

We have come together this morning for renewal—in worship and as a community of faith. We’ve greeted one another, laughed and hugged. But now the time of reflection and stillness is upon us. It is the first Sunday in Lent—the season for journeys of the heart. Close your eyes. Be still. Listen. We are entering a holy time. The Lenten candles have been lit, but over the next six weeks the light will slowly fade into darkness. For we are retelling the story of Jesus’ betrayal and suffering and death. We do this not to be morbid, but because in the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection, God is revealed—in the amazing transformation of death into life, in endings transformed into beginnings, and in dead-ends that become a source for new possibilities.

This is the sacred center of our faith—the truth made manifest in Jesus Christ—that God is in each and every one of us, quietly transforming us and the world. In his pain and suffering, Jesus speaks to every pain and loss you have endured and offers you the promise of transformation. It’s an old story, but it still has the power to reveal, to heal, and to redeem. Jesus is at the heart of our faith, in the depth of our souls. He is waiting for us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and follow along with him on the journey that brought him to the Cross. Listen in silence, for Jesus is calling you.

(Silent time.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injustice in the world.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Once again, as the season of Lent begins,
We are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

***We respond to God's steadfast love,
Calling us together in praise.***

Let us be in awe before the One who creates.

***We approach God in reverence and wonder,
Rejoicing in the invitation to holy places.***

Walk humbly before God in secret disciplines,
In prayer and fasting and giving.

***We seek the One who grants us life,
Upholding us with a willing spirit.***

HYMN # 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Help us, O God, to be honest with ourselves and with You. We want to change our wasteful, destructive ways. We want to be rid of the evil that weighs us down, and the guilt that crushes our spirits. Have mercy on us as we remember and confess our sins in these moments of silent struggle. Purge us of the hindrances of our past. Wash us in the flowing streams of Your forgiving love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and fill our lives with a new and right

spirit. Sustain our hearts day by day in renewed focus of Your steadfast love, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these offerings which we return to You, O God, that in our seeking and serving, our light might illumine someone's path. Guide us in Your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest Your presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef
"The Privileges and Responsibilities of the Christian Life"

COMMUNION HYMN # 94

O WALY WALY

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end.
And His disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave His own to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***All praise is Yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers.
Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all Your
children will gather as family. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

HYMN # 388
STORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art at my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within,
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control.
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again.

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Vision Team Meets Today

The Vision Team will meet today at noon. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Food Pantry

Our Little Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of the community. We are running low on pasta (spaghetti and other kinds of macaroni), mac and cheese, and Spam. We seem to have a lot of Cheerios, but could use donations of other kinds of cereal.

Someone donated 100 cans of vegetables, so we're doing okay in that area.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Soup Drive

Thank you for the cans of soup you have been donating. We will dedicate them next Sunday.

Gettysburg College Choir at Huntington Congregational

This evening at 7:00, the Congregational Church of Huntington (30 Washington Drive, Centerport) will host the Gettysburg College Choir in concert. The performance is free, but a love offering will be taken to benefit the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI). Masks are required.

Wednesday Lenten Service

This Wednesday's Lenten Service will be held at 7:30 via Zoom. The Meeting ID is: **860 0097 9439** The Passcode is: **825643**

Women's Choir to Begin Rehearsals Next Week

Women's Choir rehearsals will begin next week, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We will be singing on Easter Sunday.

Session to Meet Tuesday, March 15

Elders, please mark your calendars. We will meet via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. via zoom on Tuesday, March 15. Please have your written reports sent to Pastor Ann by next Sunday, March 13. Thank you.

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