

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious and always loving God, who has satisfied the hungry and quenched the thirst of longing people, grant us now the gift of attentiveness that our eyes may see the favor of your love. Grant us quickness of imagination that we may see the signals of your promise. Grant us warmth of heart that companionship may bind all within this house in peace and love so we may enjoy your wonder and grace. Grant us strength of wisdom so we may bring answers to the hurting world in which we now live. For the sake of Christ, we pray, and for the sake of all humankind. Amen.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

O glorious one, exalted from the beginning, hope of humanity, savior of the world!

**Source of life and living water...**

Source of wisdom, grace, and love...

**Holy God, come among us. Speak your truth, open our hearts.**

We come before you with humble spirit.

**We come before you with love.**

\*HYMN (GTG) 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

(Leoni)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God: In this penitential season, we confess our reluctance to confess our sins—to you or to one another. We feel that you know us, all about us, without our telling you, and we do not want our neighbors, our friends, even our loved ones to know everything about us. Yet your truth demands our honesty. We confess that we don't want to change, even when we know we should. We confess that we would rather avoid the problems in our lives and our world than confront them and repent. We confess that we have preferred that which does not satisfy to your living water and are parched now and afraid. Forgive us Lord our foolishness. Wash us clean with your grace, and fill us with your love, so that we will not only know who we truly are, but also who we truly can be through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*\*Those able, please stand.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-8; OT Page 698

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-30; NT Page 94

These words are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we strive to know and serve our Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Jesus the Thirst-Quencher”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

\*HYMN (GTG) 479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

(Jacob's Well)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Declaration of Faith 1977; Ch. 8, ¶2 through line 35)*

**God sends us to proclaim the gospel. God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Paul, Lillian, Louisa, and Clara Van Rompay

Prayer institution of the week: Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (Severna Park, MD)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN (GTG) 494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

(Quebec)

## \*BENEDICTION

## Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

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On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

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*If you are in need of prayer, you may write the request on the Prayer Request Sheet on the lectern in the narthex. You may also call Deacon Vickie Mohr (240-475-0767) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.*

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*The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*

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*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,  
sharing Christ's love with all.*

