

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2020 11:00 AM

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: **Bold text**

Prelude can be found in Hymnal at no. 209

The liturgy is based on prayers by Thom Shuman.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "My Song is Love Unknown" M. Burkhardt
*INTROIT "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 213, v.1

**In the cross of Christ I Glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Each morning, God's grace awakens us,
each evening, God's peace cradles us.

**Compassion is our constant companion,
as we go through work, school, the day.**

In every moment, God is present with us;
God whispers words which can change our lives.

**Justice is our faithful teacher,
showing us where we should give our allegiance.**

When we find ourselves groping in the shadows,
God's light will provide a way home.

**We come here and hope is waiting for us;
along with companions in following your path and joy in the journey.**

*HYMN NO. 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" *BEACH SPRING*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great Lover of Justice hear our prayers:
called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites;
chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not;
challenged to show faith, we reveal our worst natures when tested.**

**Forgive us, Giving God. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can
open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and
hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we
give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully. (silent prayers of
confession) And all God's people say, Amen.**

RESPONSE: "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

**God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked - forgiven us,
healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Surely, it is God Who Saves Me" No. 71, refrain

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" by J. Althouse

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Dr. Todd Wright

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:13-17

SERMON "Bring me a coin" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*HYMN NO. 708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *SCHUMANN*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Prayer" D. Paxton

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

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

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 697 "Take My Life" *HENDON*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" No.541

**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.**

POSTLUDE: "Recessional in D" J. Rinck

In light of concerns about the flu and the corona virus, please use the hand sanitizer in the pews.

Text of morning anthem is taken from Hymn No. 417

The offertory and postlude are based on the closing hymn - "Lift High the Cross"

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Parker
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Leslie Bremar
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SESSION

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Peggy Palmer
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Brendan Stump

Class of 2021
Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
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Class of 2022
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Bob Hiser
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Rona Smith

Clerk of Session
Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Richard Callard '20
John France '21
Nancy Wallace '22

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Charlie & Sarah Stebbins *Greeters after Worship:* Sarah & Brendan Stump

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Sarah Stump & Vicki Cunningham

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Beth & Jeff Chiparo's grandson, Nino's, 2nd birthday on March 20, 2020! Happy Birthday Nino!

OFFERING COUNTERS: John France & Barbara Smith

THIS SUNDAY, March 15, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Membership Team)

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, March 16, 10:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Lenten Bible Study
- + Tuesday, March 17, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, March 18, 11 AM – Bridge; 7:00 PM – Session Meeting
- + Thursday, March 19, 12 NOON – PW Luncheon
- + Friday, March 20, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, March 22, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship – celebrating our 70th anniversary!
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Worship Team)

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week:** Antitino Chiparo (20th), David Joslin (20th), Jake Jacobs (20th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: the family of Bonnie Waggy, the family of Gretchen Spella, Beth Haddock, Bertha Miller, Betsy White; Kathryn McCrary; Dave Dawson; Sharon Richardson; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Karguini Church (Pronounced Kah-REE'goh-ee-nay)

WV Council of Churches: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

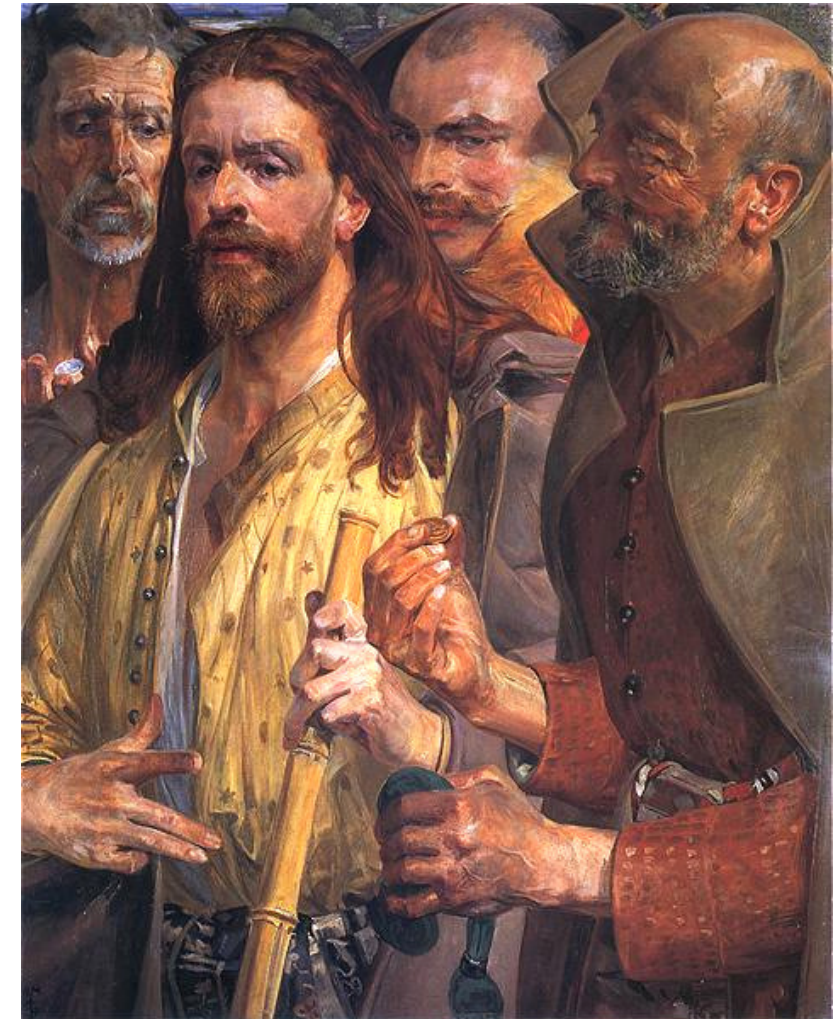
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"The Tribute Money" by Jacek Malczewski

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."