

St. Paul United Church of Christ

OAK HARBOR, OHIO

March 21, 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15 am

Rev. Dan Sather, Interim Pastor

Rev. Scott Cunningham, Associate Pastor

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP

*GATHERING WORDS:

L: We follow Christ

P: Who says, 'Take up your cross.'

L: We follow Christ

P: Who bids us come and die.

L: We follow Christ

P: Who summons us to new life!

All: Come, let us worship our Creator with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

*GATHERING HYMN: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) No. 309

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS – MORNING PRAYERS – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Cares Chorus" No. 627

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

HEARING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC:

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (verses 1 & 2 only) No. 539

FAITH STATEMENTS: "Again and Again We Proclaim our Faith"

Katie Collins

Sophia Zunk

Madison Smith

Joscelyn Rollheiser

Kora Perkins

Chloe Kelley

Noah Jess

Serenity Krehmke

SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

*PARTING SONG: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 564

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

God of grace, love, and abundant blessings. Our hearts are lifted as we witness the faith of our Confirmands and grateful for their words of hope and possibility. As you have blessed us with these Confirmands, we offer our offering, our tithes, and our very selves. May you bless the gifts we bring, and may you use us to witness to your merciful grace and abundant love that you freely give. Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

(During the Postlude, please remain seated until you are dismissed by an usher. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.)

**Indicates that worshippers are invited to stand, if able*

564 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

B \flat B \natural G \flat B \flat B \flat D \flat D \flat C \flat F \flat F \flat F \flat F \flat F \flat G \flat B \flat B \flat

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong.
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea.

1 2 3 4

B \flat B \flat 7 A \flat B \flat 7 C \flat B \flat 7 E \flat E \flat 7 B \flat F7 F \flat B \flat

D.C. for Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.
 Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

5 6 7 8

TEXT: Anonymous
MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
Irregular meter

309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Ephesians 1:7

E \flat E \flat 2 E \flat E \flat 2 E \flat B \flat 7 B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat B \flat 2 B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat E \flat F \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

> 1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His won - drous love to me;
 > 2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry how, my lost es - tate to save,
 > 3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er; His tri - um - phant power I'll tell,
 > 4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His heaven - ly love for me;

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

E \flat E \flat 2 E \flat E \flat 2 E \flat B \flat 7 B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat B \flat 2 B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat E \flat F \flat E \flat E \flat F \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

On the cru - el cross He suf - fered from the curse to set me free.
 In His bound - less love and mer - cy He the ran - som free - ly gave.
 How the vic - to - ry He giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
 He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of God, with Him to be.

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Refrain E \flat B \flat 7 D E \flat B \flat 7 D F B \flat 7 B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat F G B \flat 7 D E \flat B \flat

Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er, With His blood He pur - chased me.

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

E \flat E \flat E \flat B \flat 7 B \flat 7 B \flat 7 E \flat E \flat B \flat B \flat 7 B \flat E \flat B \flat B \flat 7 B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

On the cross He sealed my par - don, Paid the debt and made me free.

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

TEXT: Philip P. Bliss
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness
Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Gary Rhodes

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D.

A higher setting may be found at No. 17

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Cares Chorus 627

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

G C C^F G F G⁷ Am C⁷_G C⁷ F
 I cast all my cares up-on You. I lay all of my
 1 2 3 4 5 3
 C C Dm⁷ Dm⁷ Fm⁷ Gsus G C C C G⁶ G⁷ G
 bur-dens down at Your feet. And an-y time that I don't know
 6 7 8 9 10
 C C⁹ C F Em Em⁶ C C^{sus} Gsus G F G⁷ C^{sus} C
 what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on You.
 11 12 13 14 15 16

TEXT: Kelly Willard
MUSIC: Kelly Willard

CARES CHORUS
Irregular meter

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539 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12

D A A⁷ D A A⁷ A⁷ C⁷ D A
 > 1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 > 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's pass - ing dream, When death's cold, threat - ening stream
 1 2 3 4
 D Bm⁷ A⁷ E⁷ A A⁷ D D⁴ D G D D A⁷ E
 Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -
 5 6 7 8 9
 D G D D C⁷ Bm Bm⁷ A G² G D A⁷ D D G⁶ A A⁷ D C D D
 guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O lift me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!
 10 11 12 13 14 15

TEXT: Ray Palmer
MUSIC: Lowell Mason

OLIVET
6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

MY FAITH, MY HOPE - A Worship Sequence

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Optional
transition
to "My Hope
Is in the Lord"

MID-COUNTY EMT SPAGHETTI DINNER TODAY

Mid-County EMT is holding a Spaghetti Dinner today, March 21st from 11:30am-2pm (or sold out) at the Oak Harbor United Methodist Church. The meal includes spaghetti, garlic bread, applesauce and cookies. Adults: \$9; Children under 12: \$4. Drive-through only.

REGULAR REMINDERS

- After checking into St. Paul UCC, please silence electronic devices and cell phones prior to worship.
- Large Print bulletins are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
- Upper Room daily devotional books are available in regular- and large-print.
- Please contact the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

We're happy to put on the Prayer List names you submit but we often don't hear when it's appropriate to remove them. Please let us know if someone listed no longer needs to be included, in order to make space for other names. Thanks!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2021 Altar Flower Chart is now posted in the narthex. Please sign up to honor your special occasions. If you're not sure how it works, please refer to the Annual Report & Directory, the info sheet attached to the chart, or call the church office.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Please plan to join us!

Maundy Thursday:

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – 7:30pm

Good Friday:

Friday, April 2, 2021 – 1:00pm

@St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service – 6:30am

Early Service – 8:00am

Worship / Communion – 10:15am