



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
March 27, 2022 10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

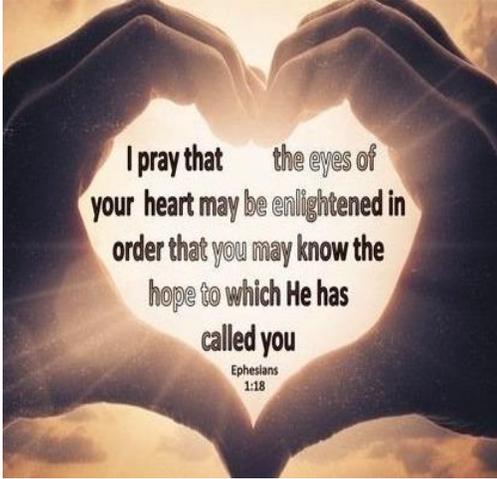
March 27, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Nancy Carol Willis

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude



Tom Rogers, professor of homiletics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, writes: *On the day after the people of Israel celebrated the Passover at Gilgal, 'the manna ceased.'* The Apocrypha states that the manna will fall again when the Messiah comes (2 Baruch 29:8). This can give yet another level of meaning to Jesus' feeding of the 5,000. It can also give meaning to the countless manna moments that continue as part of life.

Unfortunately, we often miss miraculous manna moments, such as wheat growing - farmers harvesting - bakers baking – and grocers stocking. However, just because something happens frequently, need not make it any less miraculous – **IF WE HAVE THE EYES TO SEE IT.** So friends, keep your eyes open!

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

- L:** Creative and loving God, we have come here to celebrate our faith and to continue our journey through these days of Lent.
- P:** ***May we grow in faith and courage as we follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord.***
- A:** ***May our lives witness to our commitment to live as your faithful disciples.***

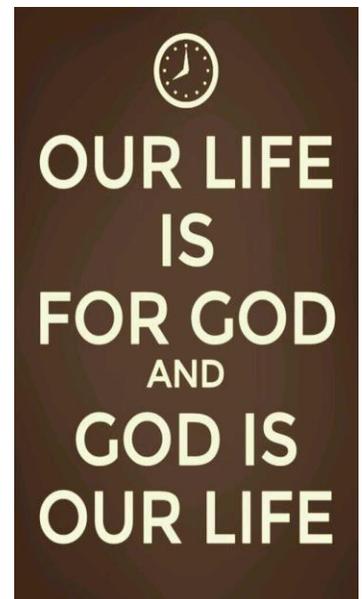
Hymn # 275

God of Our Life

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown, we follow thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*



Prayer of Confession

God of wilderness people, whose children often traveled in confusion and fear, we confess our own wanderings in sorrow, sadness, and doubt. We know how it feels to be lost, hurt and troubled. It seems that we often are wandering scared from all that might threaten us. Desperate to survive and with hope that we might thrive, we settle for only half-hearted attempts at living abundantly. Forgive our reckless measures to find security and our lack of confidence in the face of pain. Give us a large measure of your spiritual nourishment so that, even when we face great difficulties, we might flourish in your grace. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- L: Through the Bible, God uses wilderness experiences for moments of transformation and rebirth.
- P: No place or experience is too far removed from God's love.**
- L: Not even death can separate us from God's amazing grace.
- P: As we journey on, we will always be certain that God's Spirit goes with us.**
- L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –
- P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Meeting God in the Word

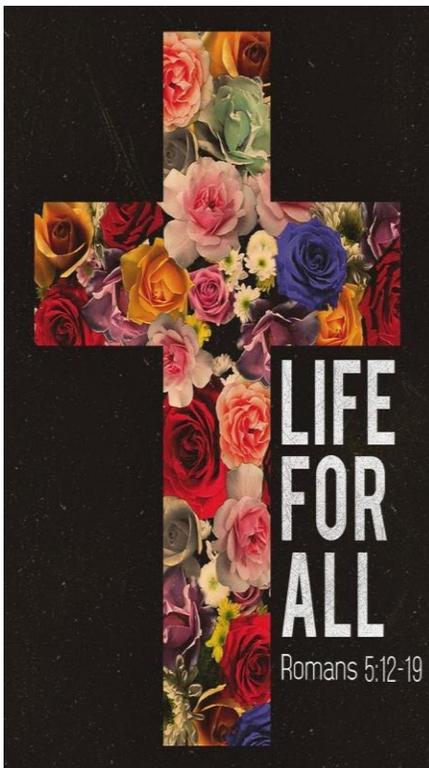
Children's Message/Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 5: 12-19

Adam and Christ

Lay Leader: Nancy Carol Willis



Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

The Choir

Second Reading

Joshua 5: 9-12

The Passover at Gilgal

Carol

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.



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Sermon*Camping à la Christ***GLAMPING TODAY:**

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 84In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*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.*

*When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming, light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming, adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God of free will, who called us into being, created us a little lower than the angels, and gave us freedom to accept or reject the love that was offered.

We believe in a God of salvation who came to us in Christ Jesus, the unique Son of God. He was born as a babe in Bethlehem. In his youth, he lived and worked in Nazareth. As an adult, he taught and healed, preached and prayed, and was a friend to the friendless.

Only a few short years after he began his ministry, he was killed. He died on a cross like any common criminal. And in his death, he paid the penalty of sin for all people. The third day after his burial, he arose victorious over sin and death. And now he intercedes before the Father in glory for all who call upon his name.

We hold that the meaning of life is found in a faith relationship with Jesus Christ. And we submit to his rule of love in our hearts now and forever. This is what we believe and affirm.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Cares Chorus

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

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

+Prayer of Dedication: You receive the poor and humble, merciful God, so we present our offerings mindful that all is yours and you are not restricted by what we give. May your church always be a servant people serving all in need and devoted to sacrificial living.

Going Out to Serve

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;

Giver of grace for our needs all availing,

Wisdom and strength for each day do thou send us,

Patience untiring and courage unailing.

Wandering and lost, thou hast sought us and found us,

Stilled our rude hearts with thy word of consoling;

Wrap now thy peace, like a mantle, around us,

Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with thy hand to direct us,

Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?

What shall we fear, with thy power to protect us,

We who walk forth in thy greatness confiding?

Hymn # 261



Blessing

L: We are in the midst of Lent.

P: *May we be witnesses to these days when Jesus Christ calls us again and again to lives of serious discipleship and ministry.*

L: May our Lenten travels be, for us and for the world, a sign of Christ's love for all humankind. And may the blessings of God ...

Response

He is Lord – He is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.