

GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

“The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication, they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires.

~ Howard Thurman

Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus/Lead Me to Calvary”

arr. Don Wyrzten”

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

from Ann Siddall <https://stillpointsa.org.au/>

Liturgist: Friends of God, believe this –
God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved!

**All: May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.**

Liturgist: So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears,
and your longings;
come, to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy.

**All: Let us come, in friendship to God
and to each other,
and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God’s Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.**

Liturgist: Friends of God,
let us worship!

Opening Hymn "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

Please download a copy of the hymns from the website: www.gatespres.org

Minute for Witness - One Great Hour of Sharing

Linda Badger Becker

Call to Confession

from Unfolding Light by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Liturgist: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the New Human be lifted up,
that whoever trusts may have eternal life.

We have to look our evil in the face to be healed.
The snakes that plagued the Hebrews in the desert
were their betrayal come back to bite them.
The cure was to gaze at their sin.

Prayer of Confession

**All: So we gaze upon the Crucified One, our victim,
and look our awfulness in the eye
and only there grasp forgiveness,
and only then become truly alive.**

**On the cross is lifted up
our racism, our violence, our materialism,
our deep seated me-first-ism.
Posted there is our last text to God,
"I'll let you know when I need you."
We look at it, look at it hard,
to get free of the lie that we're just fine,
the lie that keeps us from knowing
how deeply we are forgiven,
how vastly we are blessed,
how infinitely we are loved.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: We are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of us. Already, we are forgiven. Let us return God's blessing by the way we love others.

All: Thanks be to God.

First Reading of the Word Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

Second Reading of the Word John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

Sermon "Showing Up" Rev. Laura Bachmann

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

Prayers of the Community

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

- *John Walker in hospital dealing with health issues.*
- *Please also pray for Hannah Walker as she deals with John in the hospital.*
- *Continued prayers for Eric Paquin, Angelika Alvarez, Debbie Schnabel, and Sonia Davis.*
- *Happy belated birthday to Dick Kern who celebrated his birthday last week!*

Petitions will end with "Lord in your mercy," to which the people are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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Service Participants:

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor; Whit Beckett, Liturgist; Andy Pratt, Piano; Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director; Karen Kozlowski, Visual Design.

Life in the Church

Sunday, March 14		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
Tuesday, March 16	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, March 17		<i>April Harbinger due</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, March 21	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship
		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Holy Week Service Schedule

Palm Sunday: March 28, 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday: April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday: April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday: April 4, 10:00 a.m.



Bible Study

During Lent, Bible Study will be focused around the community reading of the Lent of Liberation book by Cheri L. Mills.

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Join via Zoom: [Bible Study](#)

Meeting ID: 859 6516 3645 Passcode: 488716

One tap mobile: +19292056099,85965163645# US (NY)

Week 4 (March 17) - Days 17 - 22

Week 5 (March 24) - Days 23 - 28

Week 6 (March 31) - Days 29 - 40

March 28 Parking Lot Event from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the GPC Parking Lot

- Pastor Laura & the Public Worship team will be handing out palms.
- Jen will be handing out bags of easter crafts for GPC families.
- The Mission team will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items again for SWEM and ROCSalt
- The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering and Per Capita will also be collected this day; envelopes were mailed with the March Harbinger.

Mission Food Collection:

The next food collection drive is scheduled for Saturday March 27, from 11:00 - 2:00 in the GPC parking lot. ***Along with non-perishable food items, we will be collecting personal hygiene products that will be delivered to SWEM and RocSalt.*** Can't make it on Saturday? There will be a bin for SWEM items by the main entrance to the church. Call Sally Christensen (703-6238) with questions.

Per Capita

If you haven't yet contributed **\$35.14** per member, please consider doing so. You can use your Per Capita pledge envelope or put your check in a plain envelope marked "2021 Per Capita" and mail it to the church office. An envelope was also mailed with the March Harbinger and can be dropped off at the March 28 parking lot event.

Liturgist Schedule

March

- 21 Andrea Unson
- 28 Evelyn Henderberg

April

- 1 *Maundy Thursday* - Larry Wakeman
- 2 *Good Friday* - Keith Morgan
- 4 *Easter Sunday* - Tom Ward
- 11 Mary Hadley
- 18 Claudia Weber
- 25 Kaitlin Shaw



Confirmation Class (entirely on Zoom)

Sunday, March 21st, 12:30-2 p.m.

Faith in the World

Youth Group

March 21, 3-4 p.m. (different time due to Confirmation Class) Cake and conversation; youth will receive a mug cake (either in mail or drop off from Jen) and we will talk about joys and concerns while eating cake on Zoom

Families of GPC:

March 28, 2-3 p.m. Easter Crafts and Conversation

For any age - pick up supplies in parking lot and do on zoom later; RSVP to Jen to receive Zoom link



Congregational Care

Anyone wishing to let us know of someone needing our care and concern, please call Kay Harder at 721-7392 or the church office.

Giving for Others

You are invited and encouraged to continue your regular giving to Gates Presbyterian Church. You can mail your contributions to:

Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Electronic giving: If you currently utilize online banking or bill pay, add Gates Presbyterian Church as a vendor and include your pledge as you process your other online payments.

2021 National Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)

The 2021 national **Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)** event **will be virtual**, and will take place from **April 18-21**. This year's EAD will advocate for Climate Justice, and will be an opportunity to support the global movement for climate justice centered on and led by the people and communities most vulnerable to climate impacts due to historic racial and colonial inequities. If you or any member of your congregation is interested in receiving more information about this year's virtual event, sign up for e-mail updates at the link below:



<https://advocacydays.org/2021-imagine-gods-earth-people-restored/>



Presbytery Wide Event

A conversation with Doug Dicks, PC (USA) Mission Agency Co-Worker for Palestine. Joining us from Bethlehem on Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m. Contact John Thomas for Google Meet Entry (Johnt21c@gmail.com or 442-2035)