

**GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1049 Wegman Road ♦ Rochester, New York 14624  
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

Silent Meditation

“Empathy is not simply a matter of trying to imagine what others are going through, but having the will to muster enough courage to do something about it.  
In a way, empathy is predicated upon hope.”

~ *Cornel West*

Prelude

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

*by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith*

Liturgist: Holy One,  
dwell within us.

**All: Whisper in our ears;**

Liturgist: Glimmer in our vision;

**All: Write upon our hearts.**

Liturgist: We wait

**All: with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.**

Opening Hymn

“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

*Please download a copy of the hymns from the website: [www.gatespres.org](http://www.gatespres.org)*

Call to Confession

*by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith*

Liturgist: God of the blazing chariots, the whirling wind, the sacred silence,

**All: Listen softly to the confessions of our hearts.**

Prayer of Confession

*by Rev. Terri Peterson and posted on LiturgyLink.*

**Covenant-making God,  
you use every possible means to reach us,  
breathing your Spirit in us,**

calling us by name,  
showing us symbols of your promise,  
offering us a new way of life.

We confess that our hearts are hardened.  
We choose certainty over faith,  
anxiety over courage,  
independence over compassion.  
We turn our eyes from our neighbours in need,  
and from stories of despair,  
and from pleas for peace,  
and from anything that might bring tears to our eyes,  
for we prefer our own comfort.  
We get caught up in our own needs and desires,  
and forget you have made us to be your people, together.

Engrave your word on our hard hearts again, O God.  
Then break them open for what breaks yours,  
that your word might sink in and become a part of us,  
so we might truly live  
as if you are our God and we are your people.  
We pray in the name of the One  
whose love breaks all bounds,  
Jesus the Christ.

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

*adapted from Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith*

Liturgist: Blazing, whirling, sacred God, you inhabit and transform our stories so that your love may be written in the hearts of our community. We are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

First Reading of the Word

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

Prayer Reflection

*by Jan L. Richardson, from the Painted Prayerbook*

Second Reading of the Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

Sermon

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

Rev. Laura Bachmann

Hymn of Response

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Andy Pratt, Guitar

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that, through the working of God’s Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

Prayers of the Community

*Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:*

- John Walker recovering from surgery. Please also pray for Hannah Walker, John's wife.
- Continued prayers for Eric Paquin, Angelika Alvarez, Debbie Schnabel and Sonia Davis.
- Happy 91<sup>st</sup> birthday this last week to a wonderful lady, Ginny Smith!

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

“Together We Serve”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Lamb of God”

arr. Lloyd Larson

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Service Participants:

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor; Andrea Hinchey Unson, Liturgist; Andy Pratt, Piano & Guitar; Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director; Karen Kozlowski, Visual Design.

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## Life in the Church

Sunday, March 21		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, March 27	11:00 a.m.	Mission Food / Personal Hygiene Collection
Sunday, March 28	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship
Palm Sunday		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	11:30 p.m.	Parking Lot Event
	2:00 p.m.	Youth - Easter Crafts on Zoom

### A note from Lauren Henderberg

To my GPC family – Thanks so much for the check-ins and grubhub meals. I really was able to feel the love and support of my GPC family during my surgery recovery.

### 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.

Week 5 (March 24) - Days 23 - 28

Join via Zoom: [Bible Study](#)

Week 6 (March 31) - Days 29 - 40

Meeting ID: 859 6516 3645      Passcode: 488716

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

### 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.

**Hospitality Team Meeting:** Monday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Linda Beattie ([linda.btt@gmail.com](mailto:linda.btt@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

## 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

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)

**TODAY 12:30-2 p.m.**

Faith in the World

**Youth Group**

**TODAY 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

**One Great Hour of Sharing** envelopes will be collected by the GPC Mission Team at the parking lot event on Palm Sunday, or by mailing them to the church office. OGHS supports hunger programs, self-development of people programs, and disaster assistance programs of the Presbyterian Church.



### **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.

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## 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 TODAY at 12:30 p.m. Contact John Thomas for Google Meet Entry (Johnt21c@gmail.com or 442-2035)