Welcome to Church of Christ March 30, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

We are honored to worship God with you today!

Prelude Préamble - L. Vierne

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 34, verses 1-6) ~Grant Mudge

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; my Creator's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exhale God's name together.

People: I sought the Lord, and the Lord answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

Hymn 355 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

(Worship and Rejoice)

V1 This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

V2 For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.

V3 Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

V4 Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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

Anthem Parce Domine/Ubi Caritas - arr. J. Young (Show your mercy to us, Lord. Where love and care grow, God is there.)

Scripture: Philippians 4: 4-9

~Grant Mudge

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses

all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of Peace will be with you.

Sermon "Don't Worry" ~guest, Kathy Loomis What can we do to diminish our worries, and move ahead with confidence in our lives?

Light of Service One Great Hour of Sharing ~Virginia Chalmers We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory Walk in Peace - S. A. Morris

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 428 When Peace Like a River

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 3 My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend: "Even so" - it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude Plein Jeu - F. Couperin Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

Members needing our prayers: Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse; Peter Coffeen; Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten; Cindy Sinclair; John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends: Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Kelly; Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister); Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson; Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend); Marcia Brenizer (Jen Pfaltz's mother); Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father); Nancy Foster; John Funchion; Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle); Judy Green; Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son); Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother); Bethany Lee; Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte); Jackie Nocotera; Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family; Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott; Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Desi Smith (Bonnie Greenwood); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew; Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister); Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch

Those who are grieving the families of: Donna Aakjar; Robert Battis; Bonnie Ferrell; Stephen Getz; George Green; Jackie Hamad; Pat Harms; Serena Livingston; John Marinelli; Don Martin; Will Martin; Will Minton; Avery Nelson; Sue Pratt; Mary Sager

In the wider community: Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey); Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela); The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence; the people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.