

March 19, 2023
10:30 a.m. | Chapel
4th Sunday in Lent



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Shepherd Me, O God* Martyr Haugen/Arr. by Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Candles Jesus is the Light of the World!

Chiming of the Hour WESTMINSTER CHIMES

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit *The Glory of These Forty Days* Maurice F. Bell/J.S. Bach
The Chancel Choir

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, through whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord.

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✦ **Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us love one another, as Christ has loved us—

All: We do this remembering Jesus.

Leader: Let us serve one another, as Christ has served us—

All: We do this remembering Jesus.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Together, let us worship God!

•✦ **Hymn 435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's Word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.**

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Being Renewed in Grace

•✠Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, trusting in the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray together, saying...

✠Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you come to us in astonishing ways—humble, yet with authority; helpless, yet with the power to save. You have shown us how to live lives grounded in gratitude and consecrated in service. Forgive us, Lord, for we have not followed your lead. We confess to you our cowardice, our selfishness, and our failure to love as you have loved. Cleanse us again, we pray, and renew us, that our lives may show forth the love and grace we have received from you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✠Declaration of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Leader: Friends, in every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness.

All: Let us bless God in every moment and let us rejoice with the One who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen!

✠Gloria Patri (*all singing*)

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✠Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading

John 13:31-35, NRSV

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in

him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Anthem

For Where Love Is, There is God
The Chancel Choir

Charlotte Lee/Douglas E. Wagner

Come as strangers to the table,
For where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter,
For where love is, there is God.
Song and scripture wed together,
Bound by faith in sacred Word,
Sharing peace and consolation,
For where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another,
For where love is, there is God,
And embrace as sister, brother,
For where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits,
Cease our cold, contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending,
For where love is, there is God.
O praise him, praise the Lord.

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Children's Sermon

Second Reading

Mark 14:17-26, 32-42, NRSV

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved,

even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Leader: Friends, this is the word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Thursday—A Day Called Holy

Rev. Steven Barnes

Responding to the Word

♠ **Hymn 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

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✦ Affirmation of Faith

(based on 1 Corinthians 15)

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer *and* The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Reflection on St. Columba

Arr. by Thomas Keesecker

✦ Doxology *(all singing)*

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 *(in unison)*

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us and our gifts for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

✦ Hymn 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

**In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.**

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✠ Charge and Benediction

✠ Postlude

Fantasia

Georg Philipp Telemann/Arr. by Lani Smith

*The ushers this morning are Eloise and Percy Newton.
The Stephen Minister this morning is Rebecca Eldridge.*

The Worship Leaders this morning are:

*Rev. Steven Barnes, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Brian Daoust, Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission
Heidi Chinnock, Co-director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist
Christian Traylor, Co-director of Music Ministries
Dawn Melin, Interim Christian Education Coordinator
Helen Simpson, Liturgist*

JCPC Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel

Come Join Us!

Upcoming Events at JCPC

(Please see Connections emails on Thursdays for complete list of Small Groups and more!)

March 23

CanCare Fundraiser at Chipotle (Medlock Bridge)
(Mention CanCare and 33% of orders go to CanCare)

March 26

JCPC Blood Drive

April 2

Palm Sunday

April 6

Maundy Thursday

April 9

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Chapel
Churchwide Continental Breakfast and Fellowship
Worship in the Chapel
Communion

Scan to Give:



HOLY week



Sunday, April 2
10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday
Worship in the Chapel

Thursday, April 6
7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
Worship in the Chapel
The service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means “darkness” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Communion will be served.

Sunday, April 9
7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Chapel
(No nursery available)

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Churchwide Continental Breakfast and Fellowship
Join us for muffins, fruit, orange juice, apple juice, and coffee in the Great Hall.

10:30 a.m.

Traditional celebration of the Resurrection in the Chapel led by our Chancel Choir. Communion will be served.
(No Children’s Worship)
(Nursery available for ages 3 and under)



Session Elders

Class of 2023

Rebecca Eldridge, Caring Ministry Team
Alice Ann Nilsen, Caring Ministry Team
Helen Simpson, Mission Ministry Team
Jay Winfred, Connecting Ministry Team
Rick Zellmer, Clerk of Session and Stewardship Ministry Team

Class of 2024

Jeff Arnold, Stewardship Ministry Team
Dawn Melin, Education Ministry Team
Zach Myers, Youth Ministry Team
Rich Shuler, Stewardship Ministry Team
Tom Traylor, Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

Class of 2025

Roy Davey, Worship Ministry Team
Marilyn Davis, Worship Ministry Team
Debi Doverspike, Mission Ministry Team
Vivek Furtado, Youth Ministry Team
Reed Maurer, Connecting Ministry Team
Bella Rizzo, Education Ministry Team



Pastor Nominating Committee Projected Timeline of PNC Activity

February 12 (JCPC Annual Meeting): Announcement of our intent to survey the congregation

February 13 – 27: Promotional efforts to convey the importance of completing the survey—either online or via hardcopy format

March 1: CAT assessment is launched via special email message/link; bi-weekly reminders are scheduled to increase participation through the end of March

April 1: CAT assessment is closed

April 16, April 23: Listening Sessions are scheduled before/after worship

Week of May 1: CAT Interpretation presented to JCPC leadership (PNC/Session)

May 31: Ministry Information Form shared with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and the JCPC Session for approval

June 23: Ministry Information Form approved by Session and the PGA

July 1 – August 12: MIF published via the Church Leadership Connection; PIFs collected/matched and candidates are evaluated

August 13 – August 20: Preferred candidates are identified, interviews scheduled

August 21 – September 3: Second interviews with finalists

September 10 – September 24: PNC identifies the preferred candidate; PGA approval is given, compensation is negotiated

October 1: New senior pastor announced to the JCPC community