

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Psalm 65*

Bert Matter

Andrew Stetkevych, acolyte

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*[God] maketh me to lie down in green pastures; [God] leadeth me beside the still waters.*

**[God] restoreth my soul;**

**[God] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me: the rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

**Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### ◆ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God, we come before you this morning to confess our sins, knowing that you love us completely, and it is only our stubborn hearts and stiff necks that keep us from your grace. In our Lenten journey we have turned inward and now come to you for mercy. Forgive us for all that we leave unsaid and undone. For hurting one another and holding grudges. For ignoring the needs and pleas of our siblings. For always putting our own desires ahead of everything and everyone else. Accept our confession and hold us a little closer to your divine heart. Help us be the people you have called us to be.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

**Let grace, not guilt, energize our actions toward repairing wrongs and restoring the well-being of our neighbors who have been so grievously harmed. Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God 618

**All glory to our Lord and God**

**For love so deep, so high, so broad:**

**The Trinity whom we adore**

**Forever and forevermore.**

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

*Jesus, Good Shepherd*

Bradley Ellingboe

Jesus, good shepherd, come lead me to rest

Beside the still water; I wait as your guest.

O Savior, come, restore my soul;

give me life and make me whole.

O Jesus, come to me now, make me whole.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of death,

I know you go with me, my rod and my staff;

so I will fear no evil thing.

In the darkness I will sing,

oh, as I walk through the valleys, I'll sing.

Surely your goodness and mercy toward me

shall follow me all of my life, every day.

Soon I will dwell with you, O Lord,

as you promised in your Word,

and I will dwell with you always, O Lord.

Sung Prayer for Illumination

*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

OT p. 248

Virginia Rovnyak

Second Reading

John 9:1-41

NT p. 96

Sermon

Muddy Details

Jewell-Ann Parton

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 288

**Spirit of the Living God**

LIVING GOD

Prayers of the Congregation 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 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.**

Offertory

*Come, Renew Us*

Eleanor Daley

Come, Lord, come to us, enter our darkness with your light.  
Fill our emptiness with your presence.  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.  
In our sadness, come as joy,  
In our troubles, come as peace,  
In our fearfulness, come as hope,  
In our darkness, come as light,  
In our frailty, come as strength,  
In our loneliness, come as love.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**Abundant God, you provide for us in all times. We are blessed. Accept these offerings  
we bring before you today to bring food and comfort to all your children. We ask your  
blessing upon our lives that we might be faithful to you and to one another. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 314

**Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness**

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Psalm 72*

Jacques van Oortmerssen

During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the closing music  
for a short period of meditation.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Lucille and Ken Digges, in honor of their family.*

## What's Happening *at Westminster*

### **Sunday, March 19**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

### **Monday, March 20**

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Lower Lounge

### **Wednesday, March 22**

6 p.m. Worship at the Table in the Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, March 23**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

### **Saturday, March 25**

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers at Ivy Creek Natural Area

### **Sunday, March 26**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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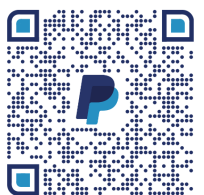
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# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

## Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, - be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.