

April 6, 2025
Order of Worship

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Church Announcements

Call to Worship

COME TO GOD

¶ Hymn of Adoration: #66 TO BE GOD BE GLORY

"To God Be the Glory"

¶† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (sung in unison)

¶† Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-20 (Pg. 173-174)

¶ Favorite Hymns: "How Sad Our State" (Insert)

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MARTYRDOM

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

¶ Apostles Creed

BRING AN OFFERING

Scriptural Invitation

Collection of Tithes and Offerings.

Offertory

¶† Doxology #34 OLD 100TH

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Pastoral Prayer

HEAR HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson: Mark 8:10-21 (Pg. 843-844)

Sermon: "What's Leaven got to do with it?"


RESPOND TO HIM

¶ Hymn of Preparation: "Thou Art All Love, My Dearest Lord" (Insert)

DEPART IN PEACE

¶ Benediction and Congregational Response

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

 *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Postlude

¶ Note to stand (if able)

† Words are on the Worship Guide in the pew

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Today's Events

10 AM – Adult Sunday School – "Roots and Fruits" A Little Slice of Heaven taught by Pastor Luke

10 AM – Sunday School – "Sprouts" class taught by Katie Nicholson and for the month of April Jennifer Beattie as class helper.

10 AM – Sunday School – "Saplings" class taught by Jeannette Farr and Tabatha Reed.

11 AM – Church Hour live stream available on Mixlr

6 PM – Evening Service – 2 Kings 4

Prayer Concerns

Moses Agapito, Gordon Blakeney, Janet Blakeney, Tony Klenchik, Shirley Ludy, Murray, Lori Pratt and family, Homeless Youth of Goma, DR Congo, The Clemmers, The Lemans, Samaritan's Purse, Areas affected by Hurricane Milton and Helene, Areas affected by L.A. Wildfire, Our College Students.

Upcoming Events

April 13th, Palm Sunday

April 13th, Coffee Hour and Bake Sale.

April 17th, Maundy Thursday, 6PM.

April 18th, Good Friday, 12PM.

April 20th, Easter Sunday, Note: No Sunday School.

April 29th, Pastor's Book Club, 10AM, They are reading Mere Christianity Books 1 and 2 and will be discussing them during the meeting.

May 24th, Talent Show, 5PM, Sponsored by the Deaconesses. Please start thinking about what talents you could show off. Please let us know by May 4th what talent you'd like to present. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Acts are limited to 5 minutes. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids. Hope to see everyone there!

Receptacles are available for donations of recyclable cans and bottles to help replenish funds for the boiler we had installed. They are at the ramp entrance in one of the gray boxes, and at the back entrance for the education building.

Budget Bits 03-31-2025

Offering: \$3,933.00
Weekly Need: \$3,024.94
Boiler Fund: \$5,086.00

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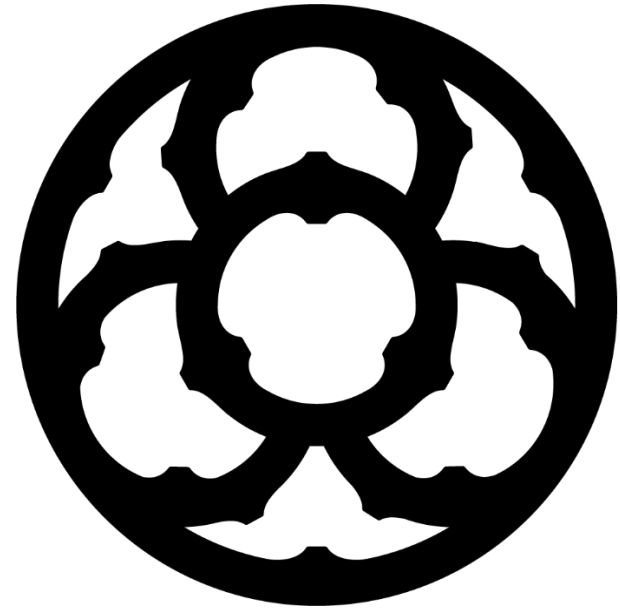
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*"And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."
Mark 8:15 (ESV)*

How Sad Our State

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Isaac Watts, 1707

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1. How sad our state by na - ture is, our sin how deep it stains;
 2. My soul o - beys th^o al - might - y call and runs to this re - lief;
 3. Stretch out Thine arm, vic - tor - ious King, my reign - ing sins sub - due;

and Sa - tan binds our cap - tive minds fast in his slav - ish chains.
 I would be - lieve Thy prom - ise, Lord; O help my un - be - lief.
 and drive the drag - on from his seat, with all his hell - ish crew.

But there's a voice of sov - reign grace sounds from the sa - cred word,
 Un - to the foun - tain of Thy blood, In - car - nate God, I fly;
 A guilt - y, weak, and help - less worm, on Thy kind arms I fall;

“Ho! ye de - spair - ing sin - ners, come, and trust up - on the Lord.”
 here let me wash my spot - ted soul from crimes of deep - est dye.
 be Thou my strength and right - eous - ness, my Je - sus, and my all.

Thou Art All Love, My Dearest Lord

1. Thou art All Love my dear - est Lord,
 2. Thy Di - vine Beau - ty veiled with Flesh,
 3. But Thou more Love - ly art to me
 4. Thy Gar - ments tinc - tur'd with thy Blood,

And Thou art All Love - ly too
 Thy En - em - ies they des - pise;
 For all the suff' - ring thou hast born;
 The best and no - blest, san - guine Dye,

Thy Love I at thy Tab - le taste,
 Thy man - gled Bod - y they dis - dain,
 Each Cloud sets off thy Lust - re more,
 Out - shine the Robes that Prin - ces wear;

Thy Love - li - ness, Lord here I view.
 And turn from Thee their blind - ed Eyes.
 Thee all thy Scars, thy scars a - dorn.
 Thy Crown of Thorns their Gems out - vic.

5. That I may be All Love to Thee,
 And Lovely like Thee too,
 O cleanse me with thy Precious Blood,
 And me thy Lovely Beauty Shew

6. My former Vows I now renew:
 O Lord, as thou art Mine;
 I freely give my Heart to Thee,
 O Lord, for ever I'll be Thine.

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 Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen

* *catholic* means both "universal" and "according to the whole." To believe in the holy catholic church is to believe in one universal body of Christ encompassing all true Christians from all times and places which is built according to the whole witness of the Apostles, i.e. the entirety of the Scriptures.

Three Days with the Lord

At the feeding of the four thousand the crowd was with Jesus for three straight days. What would it look like for us to be actively present with the Lord in a similar way? Here are some ideas:

- Attend as many Holy Week services as you are able. The crowd was with Jesus together. This week gives us a chance to do this as a crowd as well. (This is short notice. Don't stress about missing a service).
- Devote your free time to the Lord. Let's all try to read the Gospel of Mark in its entirety. Got more time? Read through the Psalms. Not a big reader? Listen to audio versions.
- Devote more time to prayer. Daunting, I know. Pick a psalm, read a verse, and turn it into a prayer, apply it to your prayer list. Books like *Praying the Bible* and *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* both by Donald Whitney are helpful here.
- Read some classic works of Christian literature. Try to pick older things that have already stood the test of time. A few ideas: John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Augustine's *Confessions*, or (not as old) Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*, or Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. (Come see me for more adventurous ideas).
- Don't forget the kids! Read to them. C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is fantastic. There are also versions of *Pilgrim's Progress* like *Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen L. Taylor and *Little Pilgrim's Big Journey* by Tyler Van Halteren.
- Do something to love your neighbor.
- Incorporate a fast. *If you are physically able* this is great way to aid prayer and to remember our dependance upon our Triune God. Follow the Lord's instructions in Matthew 6:16-18. No one should know you're doing it except whomever normally feeds you. Don't waste their time and effort. Don't turn it into a big deal. Whether you skip one meal or three days' worth, pick something(s) for which to pray. When you hunger, pray. Devote those mealtimes to Bible reading and prayer. Maybe give the approximate cost of the missed meals to the poor.