

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Membership of Mr. Joshua Clemans

† *Pastor:* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Psalm 111:1-4



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.**

† **Congregational Singing**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing—insert

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word.

My eyes fail with longing for Your word, while I say, "When will You comfort me?"

Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

The arrogant have dug pits for me, men who are not in accord with Your law.

All Your commandments are faithful; they have persecuted me with a lie; help me!

They almost destroyed me on earth, but as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.

Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

Psalm 119:81-88



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS:

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You through Jesus, the only Mediator, and the One Who died for us. We ask that You continue being merciful to us and forgive us our sins. We confess that we have not delighted in Your Word as we should. We confess that our lives have not been inclined to Your commandments. We confess our sin of attending to that which is worthless; in so doing, we neglect You, the fountain of living waters. In all our sin, we have fallen short of Your glory. Grant us Your mercy and grace so that we may forsake our sins. Hear us now as we confess these our sins to You...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* [Psalm 23]—35



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Exodus 36:8-19

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
Galatians 4:21-31

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 15:1-10

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Luke 15:11-24

Sermon
The Watching Father
Pastor Jeff Niell

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Wondrous Love Is This*—335

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*

As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

Let us Confess our Faith—The Love of God Displayed in Christ Jesus

1 John 3:1; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:3-7

† *Pastor*: Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love, He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace...

In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Amazing Grace*—insert

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

Lead On, O King Eternal [KINGS LYNN], verse 3

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where're Thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o're us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

New member – Mr. Joshua Clemans will be presented for membership just prior to our service today.

Fellowship Meal – We will have our monthly Fellowship Meal after worship today. If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to stay. There will be plenty to share. We look forward to getting to know you better! No forum this week.

THIS WEEK

No Wednesday Night Bible Study this week.

Summer Sanctus XVI – For campers ages 13-18. Registration will open this Wednesday at www.summersanctus.org.



Men's Discipleship Breakfast – Saturday March 25th, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Our men's discipleship breakfasts are a great opportunity for the men of the church to get together for fellowship, teaching, encouragement, and to challenge one another to strive for growth in godliness and maturity. All men, old and young, are encouraged to attend.

Palm Sunday – April 2nd

Good Friday Service – April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Feast – Sunday, April 9th, immediately after our Easter Worship Service. Details to follow.



The season of Lent is a forty-day period beginning with Ash Wednesday (7 Wednesdays before Easter), and concludes with Easter Sunday. Lent is commonly observed as a season of repentance and reflection, usually marked by renewed discipline and devotion to the Savior, and always anticipating the joyful celebration of the resurrection; Jesus' victory over death. The forty days of Lent do not include the Sundays because Sundays always commemorate the resurrection. During Lent, some Churches follow a tradition of reading from the so-called "seven penitential Psalms" (Psalm 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143). The final week of Lent includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The color for Lent is purple.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

ST. COLUMBA (8 7. 8 7)
Old Irish hymn melody

Henry W. Baker, 1868

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My
 3. *Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But*
 4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill With*
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine
 6. And so through all the length of days Thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

ADORATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE (12 9. 6 6. 12 9)
 William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1843

American folk hymn

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

Amazing Grace

John Newton, 1779

arr. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), alt.

1. A - maz - ing__ grace! how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that__ taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y__ dan - gers, toils and snares I
4. When we've been__ there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a__ wretch like me! I once__ was__ lost but
grace my__ fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace__ hath brought me
shin - ing__ as the sun, We've no__ less__ days to

now__ am__ found, Was blind but__ now I see.
grace__ ap - pear the hour I__ first be - lieved!
safe__ thus__ far, and grace will__ lead me home.
sing__ God's praise than when we__ first be - gun.