

Welcome to Celebration Presbyterian Church

Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. *Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. *Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of mercy, whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways, thank you for reaching out to heal us even when we have not asked, for your touch is transforming, enabling us to witness to your truth and walk in your ways. May we do so today, that others may be drawn into the circle of discipleship. Amen.

Celebrating Eighteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, March 22, 2020 SEASON OF LENT 4th Sunday of Lent

(*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra
Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle

***Hymn No. 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**

(DURING THE COVID19 CRISIS THESE SPOKEN RESPONSES ARE ALL WE WILL SHARE.)

***Hymn No. 400** *I Rejoiced When I heard Them Say*
(Refrain Only) Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near

TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

***Responsive Call to Worship** Liturgist: Anthony Tiani
Lord Christ, open our eyes
To see clearly the light of the world.
Holy Spirit, illumine our minds
To perceive God's glory shining among us.
Almighty God, prepare our hearts
To see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.

***Hymn No. 330** *Our Help Is in the Name of God (Psalm 124)*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Anthony Tiani

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -- **I John 1:8-9**
Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Anthony Tiani

Wonder-working God, forgive us when preconceived notions cloud our vision and blind us to your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers, in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled. But you make yourself known in unexpected ways: in shepherd boys lifted to the throne and outcasts returned to community; in death-haunted valleys transformed by your presence, in ordinary pools made extraordinary by your grace, through water and mud, and a table prepared with sacrificial love. We long for salve that relieves our stubborn focus on inconsequential questions, and for water that heals our blindness to revelation of your love. Open our eyes, illumine our minds, and prepare our hearts, to receive your amazing grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Anthony Tiani

The goodness and mercy of God are always available to us. We can receive these gifts when we are truly sorry for our sins and open to the richness of God's grace. When we let God touch our unseeing eyes, we gain new insights and can begin to view others with compassion of Christ. Let us accept with joy the healing we are offered right here, right now. Friends hear the Good News and believe it:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Lenten Affirmation of Faith - from Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn No. 322** *We Are One in Christ*

Time with Young Disciples *Children's Church follows in Room 5*
The children are invited to the steps for the Time With Young Disciples

TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Congregational Care Note – If you want to request a home visit from the Elder of the Week or Pastor, please contact the church office.

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Please pass your prayer cards to an usher.

Prayer of Intercession 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings as Faithful Stewards

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. – Matthew 6:21

Offertory

*A Lenten Doxology

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

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*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Loving God, as you illumine our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scriptures **John 9:1-41** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *To See Thee More Clearly* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

***Hymn No. 452** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

***Postlude** Sarah Abushakra

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CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Mar 22	4th Sunday of Lent	
	Universal Christ Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Study of John's gospel	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
Mon Mar 23	Preschool Closed	
Tues Mar 24	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
	Daisy Scouts meet here	4:30 pm
Wed Mar 25	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Mar 29	5th Sunday of Lent	
	Universal Christ Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Study of John's gospel	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	5th Sunday Offering received	

Chimes: Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff

JOIN US AT CELEBRATION
*We are Christ followers who are open,
 accepting, loving and welcoming to all!*

Our Purpose
*To Celebrate God's Glory by Reaching, Teaching,
 and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*

Upcoming Opportunities

Mar 29—5th Sunday of Lent
 5th Sunday offering received

DAILY ONLINE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL – www.D365.org

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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March 22, 2020
11:00 a.m. Worship
*Celebrating Eighteen Years of
 Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



Fourth Sunday in Lent

**JOIN THE
 LENTEN JOURNEY**

**OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and
 Savior, Praise and Worship God,
 Prepare our hearts to share God's Word,
 and Provide Love and Service to ALL!**