



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.



The Cross of Humiliation

Devoted to Christ — Committed to Service

We at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church are devoted followers of Jesus Christ committed to service in His name through worship, study, prayer, and praise; through mission to the world near and far; and through ministries of care and comfort to all.

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The Rev. Nancy A. Conklin, Pastor
Diane Rutzler, Organist

Prelude

Were You There?

Arr. Ellen Lorens

Welcome

Call to Worship

- L: For everything there is a season,
P: **And a time for every matter under heaven:**
L: A time to be born,
P: **A time to die;**
L: A time to keep,
P: **And a time to let go.**
L: This is the season of repentance,
P: **For turning away from aimlessness and sin;**
L: For returning our lives to God,
P: **As joyful disciples of Christ.**
L: Let us worship God!

Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies
When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing.
Please feel free to hum along with the hymns.*

*Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, compassionate Christ, we realize that we have often resembled enemy agents more than ministers of reconciliation. With angry words and vindictive actions, we have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have dehumanized those we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from those who disappoint us or remind us of our own human frailty. Forgive us, O God; lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw close to each other as you drew to us in Christ. Help us to regard others no longer from a human point of view, but from the vantage point of the cross, where all hostility was conquered, all forgiveness assured. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response *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?

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Second Scripture Reading

John 19:28-29

“I thirst.”

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Sermon

“The Cross of Humiliation”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;

Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

Offering

Offertory

"At the Cross"
from *"The Seven Last Words of Christ"*

Dubois

Prayer of Dedication

O God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek hope. As we dedicate these gifts, may we dedicate ourselves to the work of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayers of the People/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.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown
My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

Verses 1-3

*He came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own
Would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!*

*Sometimes we strew his way,
And His sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all our breath,
And for his death
We thirst and cry.*

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Guided Mediation

(The candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray...

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world.
Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

He's Everything to Me

Carmichael

Our Prayer List for March 21, 2021

The CHPC Prayer List is printed in the Sunday bulletin and also is available by request. During this pandemic, the list will be emailed to CHPC members. A pastor is available in the church office Monday through Thursday. If you need pastoral care or wish to make an addition to the Prayer List, please contact the church office at (717) 737-0488 or aebeling@thechpc.com.

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