

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “O, Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Brian Glyncannon

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Into the world’s darkness, God sent light.

People: Let us come to the light.

Leader: God loves us even when we are lost.

People: Let us believe in that love.

Leader: God offers us the free gift of life.

People: Let us with grace accept the gift.

**Hymn:* #703 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind God, you sent your Son not to condemn the world, but rather to save it, to save us. With joy, you give us light and life. But we do not receive your gift. We cling to the darkness we know. We follow the old ways of the world and not the new ways of the Lord. In this, we condemn ourselves. In this, we die. Find us again in the darkness, Lord. Save us. Love us back to life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Response:* In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (p.654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “I Surrender All”

Winfield Weedon

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.181)

**Hymn:* #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Second Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 (p.88)

Sermon: **Eternal Life Now**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

** Affirmation of Faith* – Apostles Creed (p.17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Draw Us to You”

setting Michael Burkhardt

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #774 “There is Now a New Creation”

**Benediction:*

Choral Response: “Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.” (p.748)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

Anna Laura Page

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

**Those who wish may stand*

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory, the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): **NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Vicki & Tom Burkins

Next Sunday March 18: Emily Birch & Linda Erikson

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Barry & Lee Nettke Martin

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	CCL Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Lenten Study** continues this evening as we explore different paths to God – what form of worship best fits you. The study follows a light meal at **5:30**



One Great Hour of Sharing will run until Easter Sunday, April 1st. Use the envelopes in the pews or feel free to just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate through Easter Sunday.

Because the last Thursday of this month is our Maundy Thursday service, the **Community Meal** will be held the week before, on the 4th **Thursday, March 22nd**. The time is the same, from 5:30-6:30 in the Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times to help. *Thanks!* from the Mission committee.

Remember to order your **Easter Plants**. The deadline is Wednesday, March 21.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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