



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalms 103:1-13 (NIV)

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Matthew 20:29-34 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Betty & Bob Rishel, Joyce Shaffer, Donna Kiser, Joan Alexander, Glenda Burross

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Bev Campbell, Sara Shank, Phyllis Thompson, Trixi Ray

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Elizabeth "Beth" McNulty

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Bell Prelude

"Fanfare Festiva"

by B. Werner

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ to reign in power!

People: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.

Leader: Praise God, who raised Jesus Christ to show forth God's undying love.

People: Praise God, who commissions us to love and show compassion in the name of the Risen Christ.

*Hymn #483

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

God of compassion, you have filled our hearts with the promises of resurrection. You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in Christ who show compassion and love to all.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!!

People: In Jesus Christ We are Forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Baptism Sawyer Grant Henry
son of Samantha and Spenser Henry

Hymn #492 "Baptized In Water"

Reception of New Members Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Bell Anthem "Lord, Speak to Me" arr. Ringham

Scripture Readings Psalm 103:1-13 Joanna Roth
Matthew 20:29-34 Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message "The Choices We Make: Compassion Over Apathy" Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of The People, Lord's Prayer Rev. Ken Osborne

**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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering
Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
A/V: MARK ANDERSON AND GUS BEAULIEU

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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