

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*We welcome everyone to worship and Christian fellowship,
in the blessed name of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

Heavenly Father, I have sinned and am not worthy to be called your child.

Yet you run to embrace me and throw a party to welcome me home.

I am humbled by your love.

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #456 - "Stand Up for Jesus"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God and afflicted.*

BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR SINS; HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES.

Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.

**ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS
OWN WAY.**

And the Lord has laid on him the sins of us all.

HE WAS OPPRESSED AND HE WAS AFFLICTED, YET HE OPENED NOT HIS

MOUTH; LIKE A LAMB THAT IS LED TO BE KILLED, AND LIKE A SHEEP THAT

BEFORE ITS SHEARERS IS DUMB, SO HE DID NOT SPEAK. THIS IS THE LORD

WHO GAVE US LIFE. AMEN

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

JESUS, DIVINE COMPANION AND FRIEND, AT BETHANY, AMONG YOUR DEAR FRIENDS, WE SEE YOUR TENDER SIDE; WEEPING BECAUSE OF MARY'S GRIEF, SHARING MEALS WITH LOVED ONES, ACCEPTING THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE'S TENDERNESS. IT SCARCELY OCCURS TO US THAT YOU, SOLACE FOR OUR DESPAIR, SHOULD YOURSELF NEED THE WORDLESS BALM OF TENDERNESS. IF WE HAVE IGNORED YOUR HUMAN NEEDS FOR KINDNESS, HOW MUCH MORE HAVE WE RUN ROUGHSHOD OVER OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND THOSE WE CALL STRANGERS? LIKE JUDAS, WE RESENT GENEROUS OUTPOURINGS OF LOVE WHEN THE ENERGY AND WEALTH THEY REPRESENT COULD BE USED FOR MORE TANGIBLE PURPOSES. HELP US REALIZE, JESUS, THAT IF WE DO NOT LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER, OUR LIVES ARE BARREN AND HARSH. FORGIVE US, AND FREE US LIKE MARY FOR SPONTANEOUS AFFECTION FOR EACH OTHER AND YOU. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #219 - "Jesus Paid It All"*

Lent Theme: "Unbounded Love!"

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9 (4-6,7-9)

John 3:14-21 (vv.14-16,17-19,20-21)

Sermon: "Unbounded Love That Lifts the Savior Up!" Part 1

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #451 - "I surrender All"*

* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

: Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Melanie Muzsik * Sandra McPherson * Carole Mahon * Naomi Shapiro * Barbara * Skip Adams * Deanna * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Terry Mahon * Leon Stinson * Aunt Betty * Diante * Stephanie Leeder * Virginia & Joe Smith * John Almodovar * Ellen McCullough * Peter Koys * Ethan * Olga Caldera * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart * LouEllen Crowley * People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Jessica and Julian * Shapiro family * Dorothy * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Jay & family * Delgado family * Wintress * Domina * Denise Waldron * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * Ed Reidy & family * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick * Alex Ingram * Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * Our President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Artie Cullen

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's History Month 2024 Theme :

“Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”

***Today is the last day to order Easter Flowers.**

*Consistory will meet today following the worship service.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

Stand Up for Jesus — 456

GEORGE DUFFIELD

GEORGE J. WEBB



1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross!
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone;
4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner— It must not suf - fer loss.
 Forth to the might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you— Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the noise of bat - tle— The next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my shall He lead,
 Ye that are men now serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put on with prayer;
 To Him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be:



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 He with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



Tune: WEBB

CHRISTIAN WARFARE

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Numbers 21:4-9 (4-6,7-9)
John 3:14-21 (vv.14-16,17-19,20-21)

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,^[a] to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous^[b] serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous^[c] serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[a] ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”^[b]

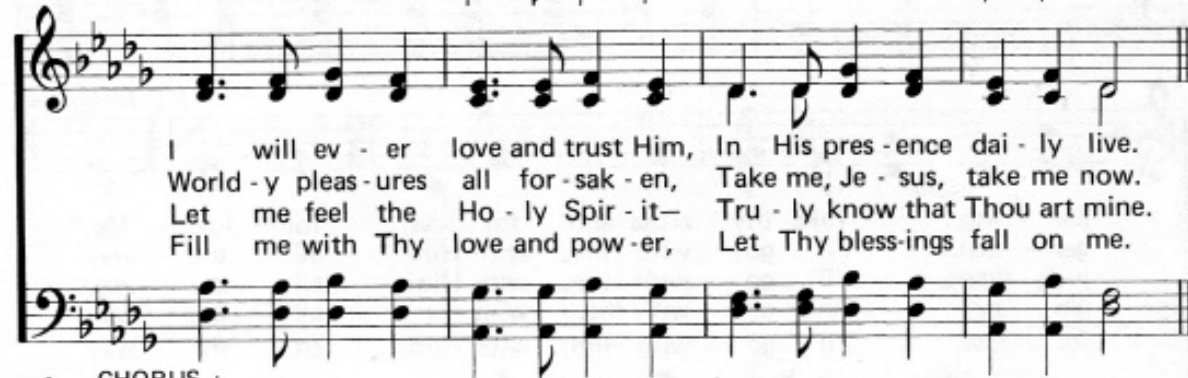
I Surrender All — 451

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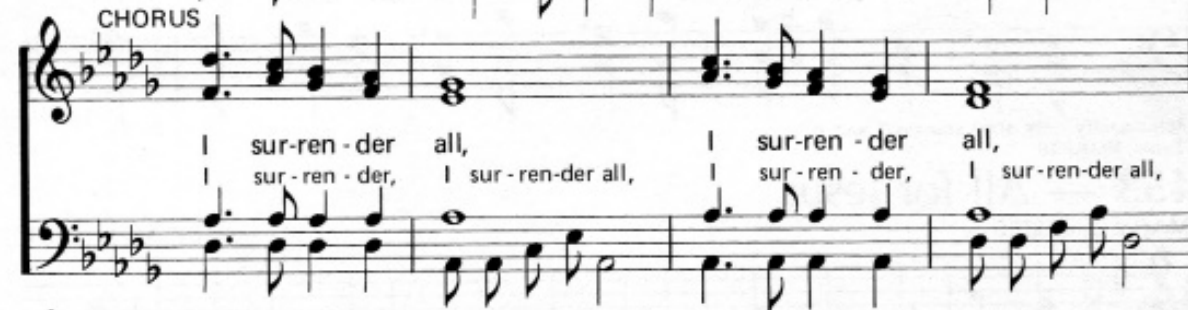


1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow;
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol-ly Thine;
4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

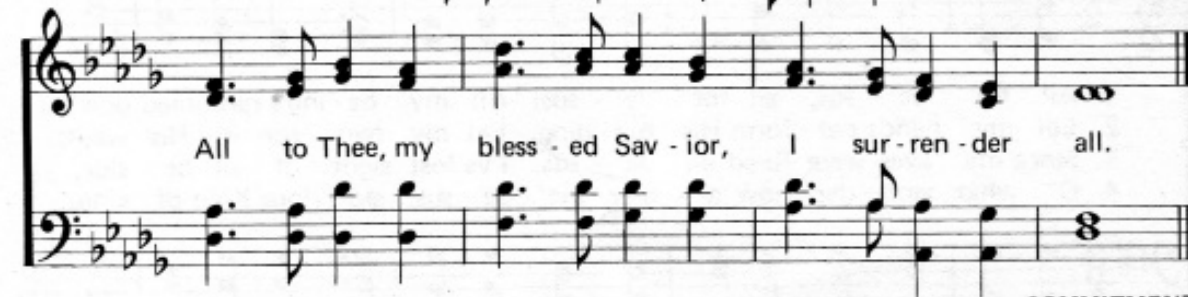


I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
World - y pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it— Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ings fall on me.

CHORUS



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,
I sur - ren - der, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der, I sur - ren - der all,



All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

COMMITMENT