

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

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*. As Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters,
we greet one another as family in Christ.*

Please take a moment to welcome those sitting near you.

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Dear Lord, Like Mary I kneel before you in humility and love,
praising you for your countless kindnesses to me.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEANING ON THE LORD. TRUSTING IN HIS HOLY WORD, HE'S NEVER FAILED ME YET." LET US MOVE MORE LOVINGLY, PRAYERFULLY AND CONTEMPLATIVELY INTO THE EMBRACE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AS WE FOLLOW THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO AN INTIMATE WALK OF WORSHIP, SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP, AS WE FOLLOW THE CROSS OF CHRIST. 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)

LET US SHARE THESE WORDS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF ROMANS: "MY DEAR FRIENDS, WE MUST NOT LIVE TO SATISFY OUR DESIRES. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL DIE. BUT YOU WILL LIVE, IF, BY THE HELP OF GOD'S SPIRIT, YOU SAY 'NO' TO YOUR DESIRES. ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT ARE HIS CHILDREN. GOD'S SPIRIT DOESN'T MAKE US SLAVES WHO ARE AFRAID OF HIM. INSTEAD, WE BECOME HIS CHILDREN AND CALL HIM OUR FATHER. GOD'S SPIRIT MAKES US SURE THAT WE ARE HIS CHILDREN. HIS SPIRIT LETS US KNOW THAT TOGETHER WITH CHRIST WE WILL BE GIVEN WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED. WE WILL ALSO SHARE IN THE GLORY OF CHRIST, BECAUSE WE HAVE SUFFERED WITH HIM." WITH THIS AS TRUTH, WE CONFESS TO YOU, THOSE THINGS IN OUR LIVES THAT HAVE KEPT US FROM LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S LOVE. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #221 - "Lead Me to Calvary"*

Lent Theme: "Unbounded Love!"

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16 (vv.9-11,12-14,15-16)

John 12:20-33 (vv.20-22,23-26,27-29,30-33)

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

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #80 - "Take the Name of Jesus with You"*

* *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:

Pat Lynam * Mr. Lacosia * Melanie Muzsik * Sandra McPherson * Carole Mahon * Naomi Shapiro * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Terry Mahon * Diante * 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:

Stephanie * 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:

Vicky's Mom * 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”

We have received our new assessment bill in the amount of \$1,980 for 2024. Each member's share is \$110 for the year, or \$27.50 per quarter. Please help us with our quarterly payments by contributing your membership fee.

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.

63 — Praise Him! Praise Him!

FANNY J. CROSBY

CHESTER G. ALLEN

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! For our
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n-ly

earth—His won-der-ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-
 sins He suf-fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e -
 por - tals loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for

an - gels in glo - ry, Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
 ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 ev - er and ev - er, Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard His chil - dren— In His arms He
 Sound His prais - es— Je - sus who bore our sor - rows— Love un - bound-ed,
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious— Pow'r and glo - ry

REFRAIN

car - ries them all day long:
 won-der-ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His
 un - to the Lord be - long:

ex - cel-lent great - ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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.**

Psalm 119:9-16 (vv.9-11,12-14,15-16)
John 12:20-33 (vv.20-22,23-26,27-29,30-33)

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

¹³ With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴ I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

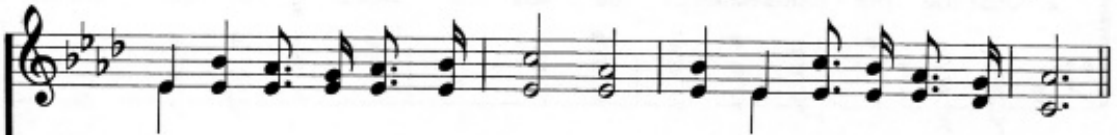
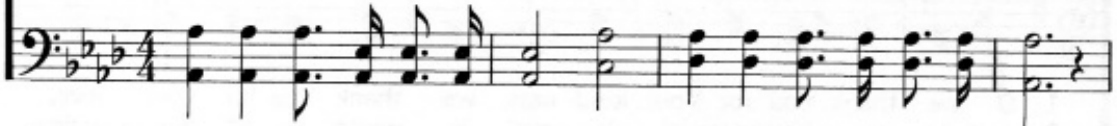
80 — Take the Name of Jesus with You

LYDIA BAXTER

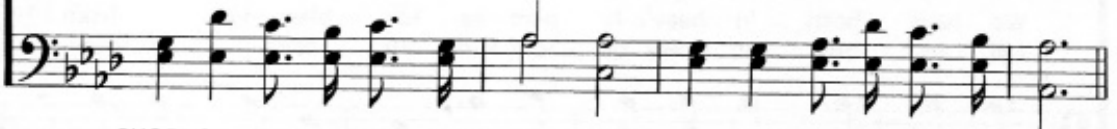
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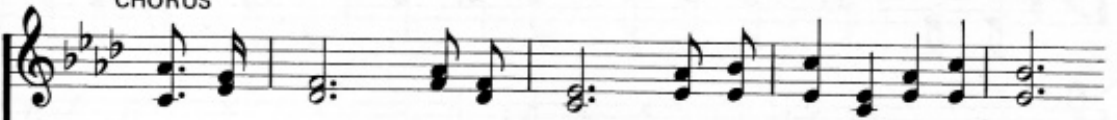
1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev-'ry snare;
3. O the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros-trate at His feet,



It will joy and com - fort give you— Take it, then, wher-e'er you go.
If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us And His songs our tongues em - ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.



CHORUS



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;



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WORSHIP: THE SON