



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for whom pain is so constant.**

*A time for personal confession* – Let All God’s people say: **Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

### RESPONDING WITH SONG

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice.  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

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## *Listening to the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-9 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens —  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“At the Name of Jesus”

Caroline Maria Noel, 1870

GOSPEL

Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66 NRSV

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## ***Responding to God***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Tune: MARTYRDOM

**Alas! And did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die!**

**Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!**

**Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?**

**Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;**

**Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.**

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PASTORAL PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***Going Forth to Serve***

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Tune: HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The Lord bless and keep you in your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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***Church Notes***

FLOWERS FOR EASTER has been cancelled due to current circumstances and uncertainty of our being together for worship. Any orders already received will be refunded.

HEART AND HAND DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Donations for food only are being accepted Mondays through Thursdays, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the alley gate behind the store at 212 D Street, South Charleston 25303. It is best to call ahead if possible at 304-744-6741.

BLUESTONE CAMP AND RETREAT

Due to the current state of affairs with COVID-19, Bluestone Guys Weekend Retreat originally scheduled for April 24 – 26 has been postponed.

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY.

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift in the mailbox at the choir room or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

***Nurture Time***

**April 5: Read Psalm 31** Liturgy of the Passion The passage from Psalm 31 tells of a person in distress, one who is wasting away from grief. Their life is full of sorrow and sighing. They are miserable and can't go on living this way. They are a broken vessel. How do you handle times of despair? How could reading the Psalms help? Where do you find hope?



## **Prayer List**

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Hilda Alsop's 94 year old	Sue DeWald	Abby Pauley
Aunt Ocie and daughter, Bonnie	Lee Ann Goff	Jackie Pauley
Merrily Bailey	Brad Harkins	Ruth Pritchard
Niall Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Joy Ratcliff
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Tre' Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Day Bishop	Willie Haynes	Mike Spurgeon
Barb Clark	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Bill Wagner
Jo Clark	Cheryl Laws	Ella Grace Washington
	Cheryl Morgan	

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **Prayers for our Military**

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Sam Ford, Charleston Transitional Care/Eastbrook; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** –First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill; Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio; Gura Parish (GOO'rah)

