**Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group**

**Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Highland Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2023

**Welcome and Call to Worship** Pastor Ray Meute

We gather in the name of Christ to find strength and courage, to proclaim that Jesus is Lord of all.

**Jesus is Lord!**

We worship in song and silence, praise and proclamation, word and work.

**Jesus is Lord!**

When we go from this place, we will be bold to do the work to which we are called, fearless disciples who love the world.

**Jesus is Lord!**

**Hymn** “For Everyone Born” Hymnal #769

**Scripture Readings** Psalm 86; John 13: 1-5, 18-30

**Message** “Do the Right Thing!” Marcus D. Webster II

Marcus D. Webster II is a proud son of Aberdeen, MD and graduate of Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He currently serves as a Ruling Elder at Grove Presbyterian Church and as the Program Manager at the Ashley Adolescent Clubhouse, an after school program for children at-risk and/or impacted by Substance Use Disorder.

**Choir Anthem** “God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Highland Chancel Choir, Directed by Stacey Scarff

**Prayers of Intercession**

God of power and majesty, we know that you are sovereign in this world, yet still evil sometimes prevails. And so we come to you in prayer; a prayer of thanksgiving for those who make “good trouble,” and a prayer for your presence as we seek to do justice.

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the people you called into covenant with you: for Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob.

**Thanks be to God!**

We give you thanks for Moses and Miriam, who led the people out of bondage, facing down a murderous king; for Joshua who called the people to courage; for the judges and prophets who brought your message to all the people, without fear.

**Thanks be to God!**

We thank you for the “good trouble” that Jesus brought to the world, and for all who became his disciples, leaving old lives behind and following him.

**Thanks be to God!**

Thank you, God, for the leaders of the early church, men and women who risked their lives to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Thank you, God, for the bold reformers who would not let your church lie stagnant, but who spoke out and stood up to the powers that be: for Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and all who joined them.

**Thanks be to God!**

We are thankful for those who emerged from the church to speak out as voices for justice: Oscar Romero, Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, and all who came after them echoing their call to justice.

**Thanks be to God!**

We thank you, God, for those in our communities and our church who demonstrate courage, who take faithful risks in your name.

**Thanks be to God!**

And we ask, God of justice and peace, that you embolden us to make good trouble too, so that all may know that you are a God who loves all, welcomes all, cares for all, and is always with us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” Hymnal #300

**Charge and Benediction**

Organist/Accompanist Mrs. Nancy Jones