Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

- Jeremiah 31:33b

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jay Johnston

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PRELUDE:

"I Cannot Tell"

Quartet: Al Kopacka, Al Lindstrom, Kristen Rolfe, Judy Treutlein

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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All: that we may serve you to perfect freedom

And rejoice in your unfailing love; Through Jesus Christ our Savior.

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

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Holy God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to live in a way that shows the world we are yours.

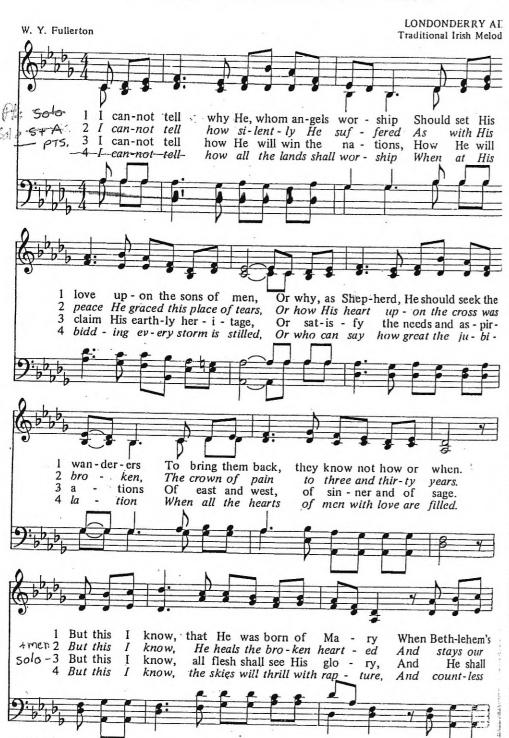
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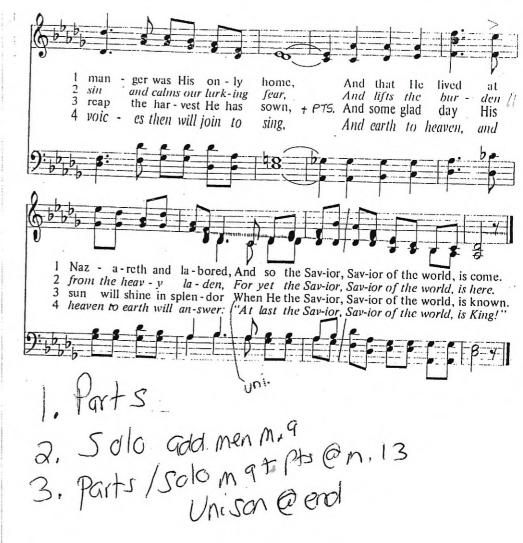
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These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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Psalm 119:9-16 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

9	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:

< <u>Psalm 118</u> <u>Psalm 120</u> >

I will not forget your word.

John 12:20-33 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

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.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

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 to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Footnotes

a. 12.32 Other ancient authorities read all things

< <u>John 11</u> <u>John 13</u> >

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The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.





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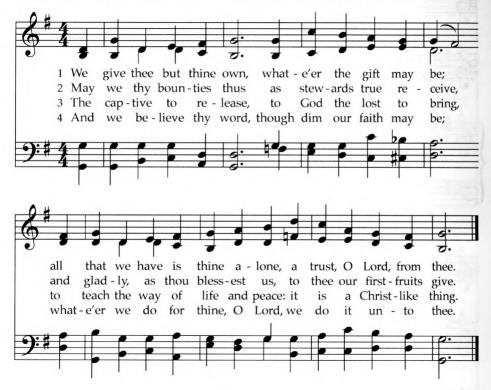
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Music Director: Matt Petrozelli Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka

Ushers: Deacon Karen Stewart, Krystin Conlan

Fellowship & Refreshments: Deacons Michelle Scrivens and Terry Travis

Welcome to our In-person and virtual Worship Service. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

Our flowers this morning are given by Mike and Sarah Jane Noll to the glory of God and in loving memory of David.



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