Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." - Philemon 3:13, 14

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDES:

"Flourish"

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

All: Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Opening Hymn: #417 "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung response:

"Gloria Patri"

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms:	Psalms 51:1-12
Gospel:	John 12:20-33

Response:

One: This is the Word of God. *All: Thanks be to God!*

SERMON:

"A Good Death"

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE: "Be Still My Soul" Matt Petrozelli, Soloist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - (*in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Above All"

Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Pastor:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers/Greeters:	Barbara Misar, Nancy Pappas

Welcome back to our In-person 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 Bill Wolgamuth in loving memory of Myra.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28: **Palms:** Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:2-16 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; **Passion:** Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 4:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Ushers for March 28, 2021: Hope LeFrancis, Judy Treutlein



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