



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday March 10, 2024
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick....'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13

Prelude: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now On Thy Holy Passion

Johann S. Bach (1685-1730)

*Processional Hymn: *As when the Hebrew prophet raised*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

PWS&D Reading – Fourth Sunday in Lent

(insert)

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

L.: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

P: With earth and sky, let us proclaim God's handiwork.

L.: The law of the LORD revives the soul.

P: We seek God's wisdom in our worship.

L.: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God,

P: For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!

L: Let us worship God!

Choir Introit: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Herbert Colvin (1923-2011)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name. **(Repeat verse)**

Refrain

Christ alone. Cornerstone.

Weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.

Through the storm,

He is Lord. Lord of all. He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace

In ev'ry high and stormy gale,

my anchor holds within the veil.

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When he shall come with trumpet sound,

oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone.

Faultless stand before the throne.

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Lorraine McBride

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ **Some were sick^(a) through their sinful ways
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹ **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**

²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them
and delivered them from destruction.

²¹ **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

New Testament: Matthew 9:9-13

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: How Deep the Father's Love for Us Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Sermon: Encounters on the Way – Matthew Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Thou didst leave thy throne* **#204**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology **#830**

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *O Love that wilt not let me go* **#209**

We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude: Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

-----*if you are able, please stand-----

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**** **We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.

The Open door

The deadline for the Easter Issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is **Monday March 25.**

We Need You!

*to contribute your thoughts to the **Open Door Newsletter.***

Just email a short paragraph (or longer) telling us how being at TPC has helped you in your journey of faith.

Was it a Sunday School class? A Bible Study group? A worship experience? Fellowship? A relationship that formed?

Why do you call TPC home?

You can email Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com

or email the church office.

Thornhill Ministerial Ecumenical Lenten Series 2024

Being Faithful Christians in Today's World

March 17 Service @ 4:00 p.m.

The Joys of Being Faithful Christians

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

39 Green Lane

Speaker: The Rev. Leigh Olsen

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship at TPC

Worship With Us!

Lent 1 to Palm Sunday

February 18 – March 24

A Lenten Sermon Series

Encounters on the Way

**Who does Jesus meet on the way to the cross,
and what can we learn from the encounters?**

Philip and Andrew

Bartimaeus

A Sinful Woman

Matthew

Simon the Cyrene

The Crowd



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maunder Thursday Service

Thursday March 28 – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Breakfast

Friday March 29 – 8:00 a.m.

Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

A Lenten Drama

Easter Sunday Worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday March 31 – 11:00 a.m.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday March 10, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am Worship Service – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Tuesday March 12, 2024

10:00 am ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Session Meeting – Zoom

Sunday March 17, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am Worship Service – Fifth Sunday in Lent



We are in need of volunteers to help run the
sound system on Sunday mornings.

It is not complicated.

Speak to Abel.

If Abel is able, you can be able too!

TPC's 175th Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175th Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26th** on your calendar for our
Anniversary Celebration with guest preacher

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris.

May 26th is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**

Our project this year is to raise money for the
restoration of the Manse.

Hymn

As when the Hebrew prophet raised

As when the Hebrew prophet raised
the brazen serpent high
the wounded looked and straight were cured;
the people ceased to die,

so from the Saviour on the cross
a healing virtue flows;
who looks to him with living faith
is saved from endless woes,

for God gave up the Son to death,
so generous was that love,
that all the faithful might enjoy
eternal life above.

Not to condemn us, or to judge,
the Lamb of God appeared;
no weapons in his hands are seen,
nor voice of terror heard.

Christ came to raise our fallen state,
and our lost hopes restore;
faith leads us to the mercy seat
and bids us fear no more.

Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

Even foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
in the shade of the forest tree,
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the deserts of Galilee:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

When thou camest, O Lord, with the living word,
'twas to set all thy people free,
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,
then we bore thee to Calvary:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
now thy cross is my only plea.

Heaven's arches shall ring and its choirs shall sing
at thy coming to victory;
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee!'
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when thou comest and callest me.

Hymn

O Love that wilt not let me go

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze, its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.