

MARCH 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

**“ The MESSAGE
of the CROSS to us
who are being SAVED
is the POWER
of GOD.”
– 1 Corinthians 1:18**

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING WORSHIP SONG

ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14,16)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is

worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love,
generosity and truth so to transform our communities and
our world;

May your light guide us and shine through us.

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations;
**May your light instill in them compassion and good
judgment, and guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

For all who hold authority in your Church, that they may shine
your light brightly;

**May your Spirit inspire them with creativity, renew their
energy, and give them wisdom and love.**

For blessings on all of our human endeavors, and for the just
and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation;

**May each of us love and serve you in ways that shine your
light in our communities and beyond to free your world
from poverty, famine and oppression.**

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, and for those we now
name in our hearts;

May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, and for those
we now name in our hearts;

**May your perpetual light shine on all the saints who have
gone before us.**

*Feel free to add other intercessions and thanksgivings at
this time.*

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

**Reconciliation of a Penitent
 (i.e. Personal Confession) can be
 scheduled during Lent.**

**Call the office at 941-966-1924 to
 see Father Michael.**

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Year-to-Date Tithe/Offerings		Year-to-Date as of February 28, 2021	
Actual:	\$ 22,960	Total Income:	\$ 36,025
Budgeted:	\$ 21,600	Expenses:	\$ 39,394
Difference:	\$ + 1,060	Difference:	\$ -3,369

WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

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 human wisdom, and the weakness of God is
 stronger than human strength.”*

– 1 Corinthians 1:25

THE WEEK AHEAD MARCH 7 – 13

SUN	28	Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Journey Through the Gospels Discussion 12:00 pm Fulton Hall In Person & Zoom
MON	1	Office Closed AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
TUE	2	AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall Vestry 6:30 pm In Person & Online
WED	3	Yard Crew 9:00 am Stations of the Cross 10:00 am In Person & Online
THU	4	Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom Video Call AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
FRI	5	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658# AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall

BEYOND STONE WALLS



Jars of Clay

This year we will be collecting money of
 what we give up for Lent at home. Bring
 your collection on the Sunday after Easter.



Journey Through the Gospels Sundays at 12:00 pm Fulton Hall, In Person & Zoom

This daily reading plan allows us to read
 through all the Gospels by Pentecost.
 Join us every Sunday at noon in person or
 Zoom to share questions, insights, and how
 God is speaking to you!



Yard Crew, Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Join us as we tend to the landscaping
 needs of the church. Contact Sandy
 Kreidler at 365-4246 if you are available
 to help.

SEE MORE EVENTS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE ►

BEYOND STONE WALLS CONTINUED



Reunion Group – Cursillo

Thursdays at 5:30 pm, Zoom Video Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen for details at 413-822-1160.



Group Prayer

**Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658#**

Join us as we pray against COVID-19, for our country, and other issues of the day.



Personal Care Items for Children

CHS is collecting bars of soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, combs, and brushes for needy and homeless children in the school system. Through it, these items are distributed inconspicuously to children who have been identified as in need. CHS is accepting donations through Sunday, March 21. Thank you.



Good Friday Presentation

The One Christ Won City Network will give a special video presentation on the meaning of Christ's death this Good Friday, April 2. Held at Christ Venice Church (1475 Center Road, Venice), there will be two showings, 5 and 7 pm. There is limited seating, so please contact the CHS office to reserve your ticket.

The Gathering

with special guest Jana Hunsley



For foster and adoptive families, or anyone who wants to know more about how to support kids.

March 11 from 6-7:30 pm on Zoom

Register for one or both sessions at www.bridgealife.com.

Email jody@bridgealife.com for more information.



THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, call the office or email prayers@chsosprey.com.

- Thanksgiving for Rick's recovery from COVID and return home.
- God's abiding peace and light for Stephen. Strength and wisdom to stay on Christ's path for his life.
- Recovery and new life for Ron's daughter who just got out of prison and is in a half-way house. Provision for Ron as he seeks to pay for his daughter's recovery program.
- Successful Bible distributions in countries where Christianity is restricted or illegal.
- Comfort, strength and courage for Christians serving sentences in labor and prison camps around the world (like North Korea).
- Salvation for world leaders and authorities who promote false ideology and worship.
- Christian community, fellowship, and discipleship for Vickie, Colleen, Heidi, and Alana.
- Thanksgiving for Mike and Kelly and for Chris and Diane.
- Housing and provision for families.
- Comfort and hope for Vincenzo in his grief for his mother.
- Belinda and Willette in hospice care. Strength and peace for their families in their care-giving.
- Continued healing and strength for Joanne and June.
- Thanksgiving for Shay's safety. God's provision and direction for his recovery.
- Sobriety for Trevor.



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