

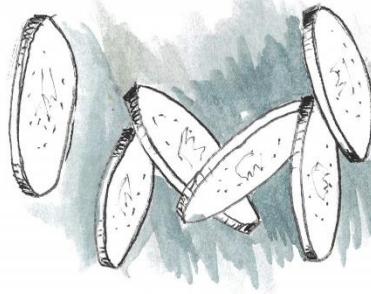
**GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
6:00 PM**

Lenten Worship



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.

*Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you
After the service, speak to your neighbor.*

Our sermon series will be COME, FOLLOW ME: A Disciples Journey Through Lent, which will be adapted from the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. It seeks to answer the question: How can we help people begin to move from thinking of themselves as church members to identifying themselves as disciples of Christ?

Jesus continues to teach about the Kingdom of God and different facets of discipleship. How are we engaged in the work of introspection, prayer, and fasting?

CALL TO WORSHIP

P God calls us to the light.

C If we come to the light, God will know who we are.

P God already knows who we are.

C Then our sisters and brothers will know.

P They probably know more than you think.

C Then we will know who we are and have to change.

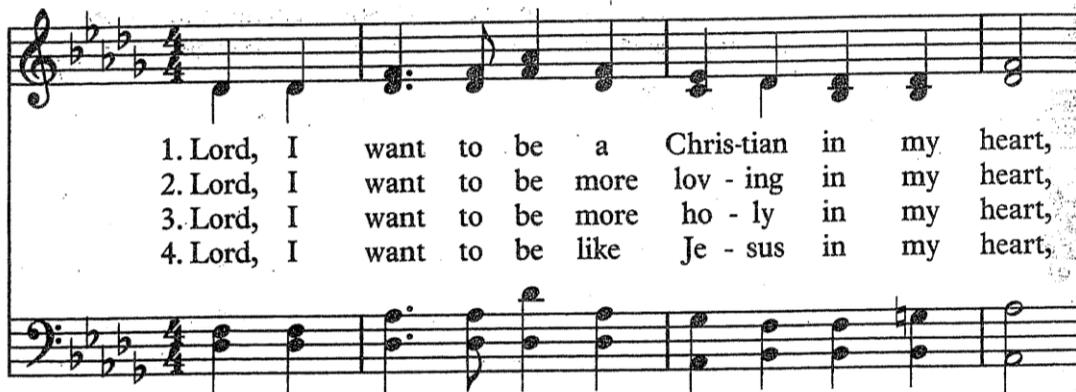
P That is God's plan to transform you into light.

C We come to God's light to our hopes and in our fears.

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Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,



in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian
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 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus

in my heart. (in my heart) In my heart, (in my heart)

in my heart, (in my heart) Lord, I want to

be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more lov-ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more ho-ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 be like Je-sus in my heart. (in my heart)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess to God and before one another the sinful nature of our lives especially our choice of darkness rather than light.

Silence is kept

C We confess to you, our God and our Savior that we have sinned in the things we have done and left undone, the things we have said and left unsaid. We are especially aware this day of our desire for darkness rather than light. We know that we are not the people you created us to be, but we would rather stay that way, hoping the darkness will hide the truth- if not from you, at least from our brothers and sisters. But we confess not only to you but also to our sisters and brothers in Christ that we are not what we should be nor what we often appear to be. We are selfish, self-centered, and sometimes cruel in our treatment of others. We ask for God's forgiveness and for the forgiveness of our community of faith so that we might together seek God's light for ourselves and for our community. Amen

P God is the God of light, love, and grace. God desires our well-being and so sends grace and forgiveness and the opportunity to amend our lives. In the name of Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

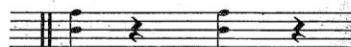
CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Surrender All"

Refrain (Harmony)



I sur-ren - der



all,
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
I sur-ren-der all,

REPENTANCE

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As we work together with him, ^[a] we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 1-18

6 “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.^[a]

⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ^[b]

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ “Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ^[c]

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, ^[d]
but rescue us from the evil one. ^[e]

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

P This is the Word of Truth.

C Lord help us to understand.

Teaching: *“Prayer and Attitude”*

Shirley Ehler

WORSHIP HYMN "Take Time to be Holy"

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

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Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

C Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P God of light and truth, we have come to adore you and offer our worship and praise to you. You are light and in you there is no darkness at all. Though we try to hide in the darkness around us, you see us and know us.

A brief silence.

P We give you thanks for the light that enables us to see the beauty of creation. We are awed at the wonders that have been created for our needs and for our delight. Most of all we give you thanks for Jesus, the light of the world, who comes to draw us to you and your light.

C Lord, Hear our prayer.

P We offer up to you those who dwell in darkness: the darkness of poverty, hunger, violence, and want; the darkness of anger, revenge, and broken relationships; the darkness of evil that blinds and misdirects. May the glory of your light shine more brightly and may we, your people, reflect your light more clearly to those around us.

C Lord, Hear our prayer.

- P All this we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together, saying:
- C 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lifts up his countenance upon you, and give you his peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Diane Lee

GREETERS: Jerry Taylor

READER: Jerry Taylor

LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24th our guest teacher will be Pastor Andrew Rosenberg.
Text & Theme: Healing, Exorcism, Service, Following (Matthew 8:14-27) Jesus and his disciples engage in hands-on ministry. What is our ministry? How are we following Christ in ministry and mission?

Holy Week Services:

March 27	Palm Sunday Weekend	Sat., 4:00 p.m.
March 28		Sun., 7:45 & 9:30
April 1	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 4	Easter Sunday Service	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

There is no service on Saturday, April 3rd.

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