

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 14, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Adapted from Psalm 107*)

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God gathers God's people from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let us thank the LORD for such all-embracing love;

Let us praise God for God's wonderful works to human kind.

We will worship God with thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Merciful God,

Even as we praise you, we are aware of our failures as your disciples.

We take your love and acceptance of us for granted. We are often careless with our relationships, more focused on ourselves than on you or those around us. We spend our days distracted by the news, rather than seeking your light and truth.

Forgive us. Awaken our spirit of commitment and compassion. Give us a new vision of your purposes and our place within them, so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (Source- *Adapted from Ephesians 2:8-9*)

Friends in Christ, by grace we have been saved through faith. This is not our doing, but God's gift to us. Know that God forgives you and forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

Amen!

Anthem

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" *arr. Mark Hayes*

~ *Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 3:14-21 (Common English Bible)

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son. ¹⁹ "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. ²⁰ All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. ²¹ Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

The Confession of 1967 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Sermon

"*The Mission of the Church*"

~ *Rev. Dr. Dorothee Tripodi*
Rev. Dr. Steve Booth

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Closing Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9 and Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; 1 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Daily Readings for March 14 – 20 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

Holy Week Services at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 28th – 11 am – Palm Sunday Worship Service

Monday – Wednesday, March 29th – 31st – 7 am –

Morning Prayer services at PPC

Maundy Thursday, April 1st – 7 pm – Service & Communion

Easter Sunday, April 4th – 11 am – Sunday Service at PPC

with Flowering the Cross prior to worship service

Prayer List Additions as of 3/14/2021

Freddie Anderson (Vic & Shirley Bryan), Kevin Cramer (Steve Long),

The Family of Sybil Harriett, Bob & Gera Howe

Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic.

Please pray for the schools - Remember the administration, teachers, students and parents during this difficult time.

Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

To God Be the Glory

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

> 1. To God be the glo-ry- great things He hath done: So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur- chase of blood- To ev - 'ry be-
 > 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re-

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er, the prom - ise of God! The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus, the Son! But pur - er and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, And o - pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port when Je - sus we see!

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus, the Son, And give Him the glo - ry- great things He hath done!

216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.