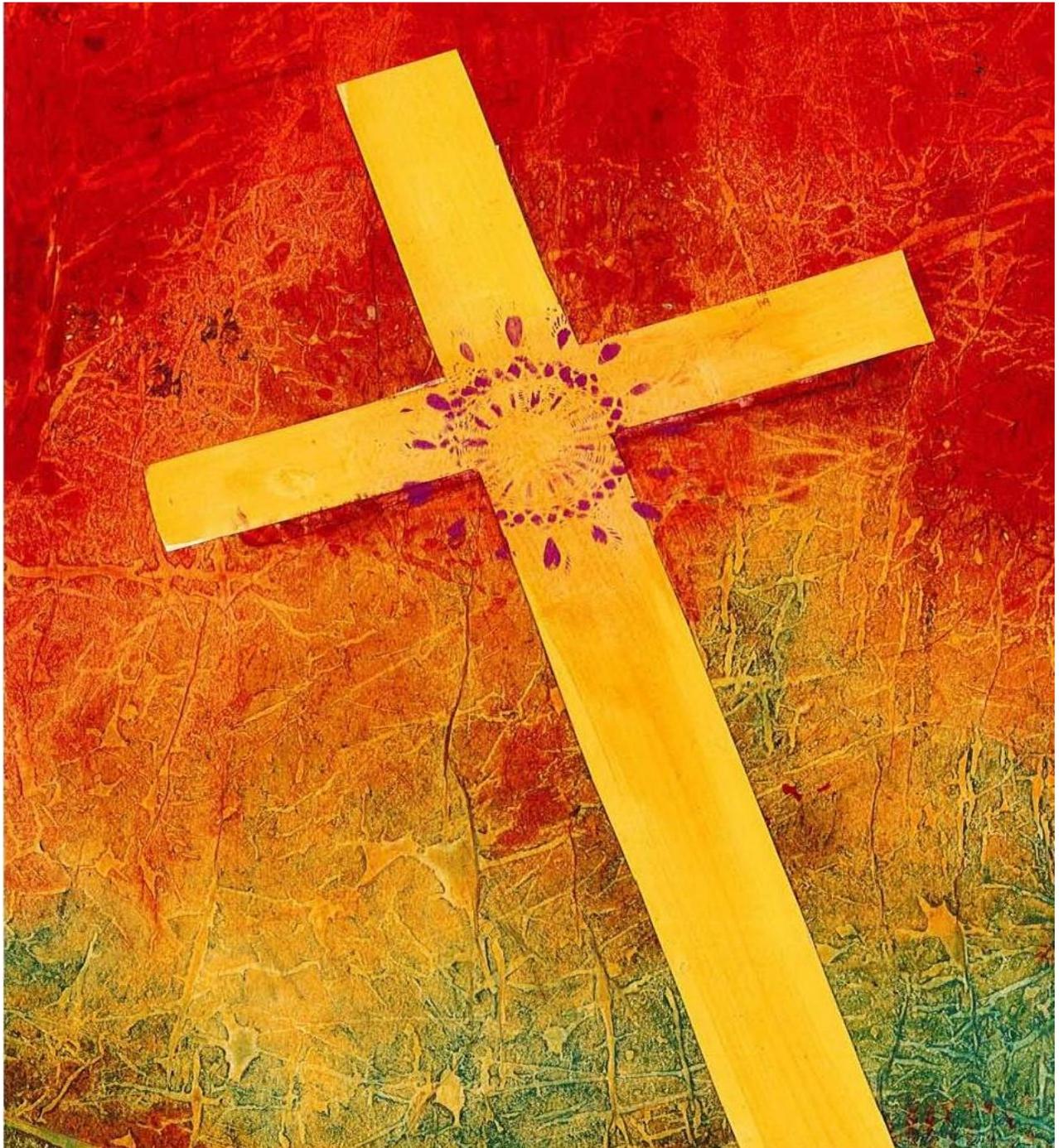


# Seneca Presbyterian Church

February 21, 2021

## THE CALL

*"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"*



## WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Kelly Holleman

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*More Love to Thee*

Jan Palmer

#### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Almighty God help us to know your presence in this sacred place—and wherever we are as we come together to worship you. May our voices and instruments lift our hearts to you in praise and thanksgiving. May the hearing of your Word purify our lives and lead us to sanctification. And may we go forth from this worship service in your strength and love that our faithful will grow. Though Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

#### POURING OF THE WATER

Choral Response:

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads the **bold print**)

*O God, we lift up our souls and put our trust in you.*

**Make us to know your ways O Lord; teach us your paths.**

O God, lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;  
for you we wait all day long.

**God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble God's way.**

Let us worship God!

#### GATHERING PRAYER

#### HYMN # 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess our desire to see sin in everyone else but ourselves. We deny our complicity in the divisions that have wounded our relationships with others near and far. We deny our proclivity to call others evil merely because they do not look like us or act like us. Only later do we discover that their hearts are good and their acts are faithful.**

**O Lord, forgive us. Restore in us a spirit of compassion, justice and love for the truth. In the name of your Son we continue to confess our sins in silence to you. . . .(silent prayers of confession)**

Choral Response:

*Stay With Me*

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Assurance of Pardon

God in Christ is steadfast in love and mercy. Friends hear the good news of the gospel. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the sins that bind and enslave us. We are empowered to love God with all of who we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thanks be to God. **Amen**

Choral Response:

*Amen*

Amen, Amen, Amen

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119: 137-149

#### ANTHEM

*You Are My All In All*

### A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SECOND LESSON

I John 1: 5-10

#### SERMON

“Can We Just Take a Mulligan?”

Dr. Hartman

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

*I Was As I Wander*

Chet and Jan Palmer

Doxology #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Lead Me to the Cross*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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### Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Nancy Allgood, Priscilla Byars, \***Jim Carroll**, Fynn DeHay, Robert Dendy, Scott Gawlik, Louis Holleman, Maria Leitner, Jill Marett, Jeff Montague, Cecil Rigby, \***Lou Schuman**, Bob Simpson, Ann Smith, Gary Whitehead, and Nancy Wilson.

**Extended Church Family:** Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), \***Sally Owen (former member)**, Bill Smith (husband of Pamela Davison-Smith), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew),

**Note:** Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

**Session approved on Monday that VIRTUAL ONLY worship will continue at the Church through March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Also, if you save the Annual Report, please save the one sent on Friday. A correction has been made to it. Also, if you prefer a paper copy just call the church.**