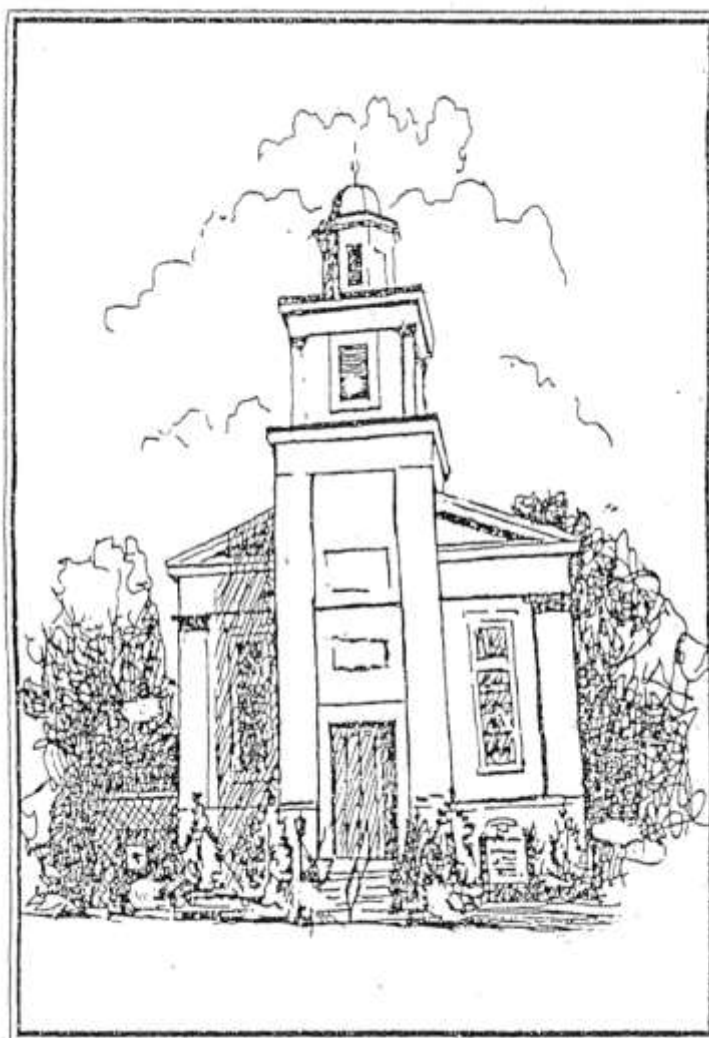




MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Madison Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Walther

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Good morning, Heavenly Father!

R: You have called us and we have come. We come with joy and gratitude in our hearts to worship you. Lord, we give you thanks for the mercy and grace you show us in the gift of your kingdom and your Son, Jesus. We are acutely aware of who we were and who we are, all because of your gift of Jesus. Through the power of your Spirit, grant us the faith to believe, trust and live lives pleasing in your sight. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The God of Creation calls us together. Come and worship God, who makes all things new.

R: We praise the One who can make the earth new again.

L: God is not finished with us. There is more that we can be. God wishes to renew more than the earth.

R: What does God seek to transform?

L: God wants to transform us as we give up our old ways to walk in the new path of God.

R: Doesn't God love us as we are?

L: God loves you just as you are but desires you to become even more.

R: We offer ourselves to the One who transforms us with love as we follow the Christ into God's new world.

***HYMN** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (See text following.)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: People may ask, "Who is this Jesus?" Jesus is the Savior of the world, the anointed One, the risen One. Jesus taught the meek that they were the inheritors of the whole of God's Creation. And Jesus praised the peacemakers. Jesus loves us.

Receive the grace of Christ. Let us confess together because forgiveness is ours.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we confess; we have wandered off your pathway.

R: We are stuck in the middle; we have lost sight of our good intentions. We made a promise to be in prayer, but we talk with everyone except you.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, you are a God of Second Chances and more; have mercy on us.

R: Shake us up and turn us forward to walk with you in the light of your love. We want to share your light and love with others. We pray in the holy name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and grants us mercy and grace. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

R: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:18-19

(See text on insert.) Isaiah 61:10-11

Matthew 11:25-28

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

New Beginnings

ANTHEM

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***THE NICENE CREED**

(See text on insert.)

***DOXOLOGY**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Closing Prayer

Loving God, we are filled with gratitude for this moment, for this meal and for the fellowship of believers.

Lord, help us to live as changed people, *because* we have shared this Living Bread. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (See text following.)

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

LITURGIST—Marlene Bateman

USHERS—Don Wiest and Amanda Corbin

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name.

(Refrain)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within in the veil.

(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(Refrain)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Denise Leiske, Betty King, Beth Orrill, Desna Ratcliff, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

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Family and Friends: Anne Armand, Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly, Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Bob Rouse, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, John Schutte (Carole Hanson's son-in-law), Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson, Judy Wolf.

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MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of March 7

Shannon Glass

Carole Hanson

Linda and Rick la Cour

Lucy (la Cour) and Logan Higgins

Easter Lilies this year will be \$15.50 per plant. If you would like to order a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and leave it with your payment in the offering box. We have reserved twelve lilies with the florist. Opportunity to take the lilies home following Easter worship will be offered to the first twelve orders indicating they would like to do so.

Lily Order

Ordered by: _____

In memory of/in honor of:

Number of plants ordered: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Will take plant(s) home after Easter:

Yes _____ No _____

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship.

As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family,

we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community.

As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

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