

Worship for the Lord's Day – March 22nd, 2020

Sandusky Presbyterian Church & First Presbyterian Church of Yale
Rev. Katja Gruening

*You are invited to prepare for worship by setting out a candle,
We will join in lighting our candles together as Pastor Katja calls us to worship,
to remind us of the presence of the Spirit of God.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert, and are, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are afraid. We cannot hold back our pressing and many worries. We know you tell us not to be anxious, but in this tumultuous time, our anxiety mounts and our faith waivers. Forgive us for how much we previously took for granted, the ability to worship in person, the opportunities to embrace one another, the freedom to come and go as we wished. Forgive us, too, for failing to see those all around us who lacked community, longed for touch and were isolated well before this forced social distancing. Hear our heartfelt confession and turn our fears into faithful action for the sake of your beloved world. (Silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.
Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

~based on Psalm 91:14-15

Affirmation 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.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and
release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the
children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with
outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life
for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating
his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death
to life eternal.**

~from "A Brief Statement of Faith", PCUSA Book of Confessions

Scripture Lesson: Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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Message: "A Call for Mercy" – Rev. Katja Gruening

Prayer Requests

If joining us on Facebook, feel free to leave your request in the comment section. First names only for privacy please. Facebook is a public venue. Pastor Katja will read the comments later and pray for your requests.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Offering:

*If you are watching the Facebook Live video, we invite church members, to consider mailing in their offering for this week.
Sandusky Presbyterian Church, 104 S. Lexington St., Sandusky, MI 48471.
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For visitors and friends, we are glad to have you, and we hope you receive this time of worship as a gift. You are welcome to contribute if you feel so moved.

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

Benediction