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The **Liturgist** for today is Ruby Reilly.

Prayer Concerns: Carolkay Barré; Nick Bradshaw; Ellie Catalano; Ruth Sukala; Mary Ellen Beck; those in need of comfort or healing; those in need of resources; those fighting for justice and equity for all; caretakers; our neighbors; and for us, may we hear learn how to serve you and others through our faith.

Today, after worship:

- Congregational Meeting
- Coffee Hour & Fellowship (Assembly Room)

Monday, 12:15pm - Mens Group Lunch (Meet at CPC)

Thursday, 6:30pm - Bell Choir; 7:00pm - Alcoholics' Anonymous; and 7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Lenten Bible Study continues next Sunday! Those who have the book, *From Wilderness to Glory* are encouraged to follow the readings, and we will discuss the text for Week 4 on March 30. Journals are a great way to chronicle what you're feeling - consider jotting down a few thoughts each day during Lent. Extra copies of the book are available in the Memorial Room for anyone who wishes to join us in the remaining sessions. All are welcome!

CPC's annual Lent Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 13, and your help will ensure it goes smoothly. Please consider volunteering to help set-up, cook, or clean-up. Contact Diane McCurdy or Sandy Everly to sign-up.

Easter mission projects have been announced! CPC Deacons are organizing two projects to benefit our friends in Elizabeth: Ham/Frozen Turkey Drive - Frozen or fresh turkey and ham donations are sought. Please bring to CPC; put fresh in kitchen refrigerator and frozen meats in freezer in the garage. Also accepted are supermarket gift cards or monetary donations (note "Ham/Turkey Drive").

Easter Basket Project: We will assemble 45 baskets to give to families; each costs approx. \$7 to create. Would you like to contribute? Any amounts are helpful! Use the special envelopes from basket in the narthex; place in offering plate or in mailbox (note "Easter Basket Project"). Deadline for both projects is April 13.

Period Project: initiated by PNENJ, CPC has offered to serve as a community drop-off site for the collection of menstrual hygiene products in honor of Women's History Month. The bin is outside by the front door; please spread the word and feel free to contribute items!



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March 23, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

"God So Loved the World" from The Crucifixion

J.Stainer/L.Leatherman

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT (203) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Ghanaian folk melody

CALLTO WORSHIP (responsively)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*OPENING HYMN #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

J.Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. (Time for Silent Confession.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

RESPONSE (211)

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

C.R. Young

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

H.W.Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of all times and places, be with us here and now. As we read from and reflect on Scripture, may your Holy Spirit move among us that we might hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

ANTHEM

SERMON

"Betrayed, Rejected, Condemned" from No Greater Love
L. Larson

Luke 13:1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

"Turn on Your Notifications" Rev. Marcus C. Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

J.P.Huber

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Were You There?

Spiritual/S.Dunn

*DOXOLOGY (#606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

W.B.Bradbury

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (601) Amen

Danish melody

POSTLUDE

God So Loved the World

J.Stainer/G.Smith

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.