

Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

## Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor* Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor* Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader* 

Acolyte: Mira Schaefer Altar Guild: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews Communion: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews Communion: Gary Wipperman **Greeter:** Robin Gallo **Media:** Cheryl Anspach **Usher:** Mike Rapp

#### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS

#### I Am Free

Through You the blind will see Through You the mute will sing Through You the dead will rise Through You all hearts will praise Through You the darkness flees Through You my heart screams, I am free

I am free to run (*echo*) I am free to dance (*echo*) I am free to live for You (*echo*) I am free Through You the Kingdom comes Through You the battle's won Through You I'm not afraid Through You the price is paid Through you there's victory Because of You my heart sings, I am free (Chorus)

## PRAYER

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### SONG

## Step By Step

Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You I will seek You in the morning I will learn to walk in Your ways And step by step You'll lead me I will follow You all of my days

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**Pastor Tony** 

## **GOSPEL READING**

[Jesus said:] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

#### SONG

## Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken Great are You, Lord *(Chorus)*  All the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing Great are You, Lord *(Chorus)* 

#### PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the above refrain after each petition.

Healing: Bev Sweetland, unable to use hands and feet, trouble speaking

#### John 3:14-21

**Pastor Tony** 

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#### **OFFERING**

#### **One Thing Remains**

Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant through the trial and the change One thing remains, one thing remains

#### Your love never fails, never gives up Never runs out on me (3x) Your love ...

On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never, ever, have to be afraid One thing remains, one thing remains *(Chorus)* 

In death, in life, I'm confident and Covered by the power of Your great love My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate My heart from Your great love *(Chorus)* 



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

SOLO

# All My Hope

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## Firm Foundation (He Won't)

#### SONGS

Christ is my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand When everything around me is shaking I've never been more glad That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now? He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength 'Cause I build my life on Jesus He's never let me down He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now? Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You I'm safe with You I'm gonna make it through

Christ is my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand When everything around me is shaking I've never been more glad That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now? (Chorus)

#### He won't, He won't He won't fail, He won't fail *(Repeat)*

## Forever Reign

You are good, You are good when there's nothing good in me You are love, You are love on display for all to see You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

#### Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms The riches of Your love will always be enough Nothing compares to Your embrace Light of the world forever reign

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling You are true, You are true even in my wandering You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting (Chorus)

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

## SONG

## **Grace**

Called and chosen when I was far away You brought me into your family Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away Your loving kindness is life to me

'Cause it's grace, there's nothing I can do To make You love me more To make You love me less than You do And by faith I'm standing on this stone Of Christ and Christ alone Your righteousness is all that I need 'Cause it's grace

## SENDING

- P: Let us go forth in peace.
- C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
March 17	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Aidan Miller	Grace Paczesny
Altar Guild	Jimmy and Chris Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Becky Pepper	Becky Hastings, Mary Ellen Comp
Greeters	Linda Elder, Beth Hoffmann	Rick and Diane Dowling
Media	Todd Schroeder	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Needed



**Children Are God's Gift:** We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

**Farmers' Market Today:** You're invited to shop from local farmers for fresh produce and goods this morning. We will have a great variety of vendors selling eggs, preserves, salsa, mush-rooms, honey, meat, soaps and body care, apples, cider syrups, oats, granola, wool products, rustic breads and pastries, sweet breads, gluten-free and vegan bread. A limited number of tickets for the brunch are available. The event is offered in cooperation with the Food, Faith and Farming Network.

Wednesday Nights in Lent: Join us for soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. ending March 20. Please sign-up to help/contribute.

**Easter Lily Donation:** If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our sanctuary, please fillout the form in the back of the bulletin. Lilies are \$16 each.

The Chosen Adult Ed: Just a reminder that there is no adult ed tomorrow.

**CRASH at the Hope Center:** CRASH meets at Ascension at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, then will travel to the Hope Center for a morning of volunteering.

**JOLT / CRASH Shop and Serve:** JOLT and CRASH students will meet at Ascension on Sunday, March 17 at 4:30pm. Students and volunteers will then travel to Meijer for the annual Shop and Serve event. Students should bring a \$10 donation.

**Healing Hearts Meal March 18:** Do you have a favorite casserole? Ascension will be providing a casserole dinner for Healing Hearts this month. We need your favorite casserole, rolls, veggies, fruit and cookies to make the meal complete. Please see the Sign-Up Genius to contribute <u>https://tinyurl.com/HHMarch18</u>. Please bring your item(s) to Ascension before 3 p.m. on Monday, March 18, or right at 4:30 p.m. when the servers arrive. If you make a casserole ahead of time and drop it off early at Ascension, we can heat it at Ascension before we leave.

**SOPHIA Basket:** Ascension is putting together a Wisconsin Basket for SOPHIA's 20th Community Brunch silent auction. If you have something "Wisconsin" that you are willing to donate, contact Joan Mikecz, <u>joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net</u>. We would love to have a full basket of fun, tasty, team loyalty, adventure seeking, etc. things to auction off to raise money for this wonderful cause. Items must be to Joan by March 30. Save the date April 20 to attend the brunch celebration.

**GriefShare Support:** We're looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare on Tuesday nights. Please see the Sign-Up Genius <u>http://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>GriefSupport24.</u> Contact Pastor Tony, <u>tony@ascensionelca.org</u>, with questions.

# CALENDAR

Sun Mar 10 8:30am Worship S 9am Farmer's Market 10:45am Misa EH 10:45am Worship S 7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 11 6:30pm Amen CR

## <u>Tue Mar 12</u>

7am AMEN zoom 9:30am Women's Bible 6pm Cloverleaf EH 6pm GriefShare CR 6pm Handbells S 7pm Holloway HR 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 13 5:15pm Children's Choir MR 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Worship S 7pm AA WH

<u>Thu Mar 14</u> 10am Al Anon CR

Sat Mar 16 8am CRASH Hope Center 9am Jubilate S 9am Leadership Academy EH 12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Mar 17 8:30am Worship S 9:45am BLAST 10:45am Misa EH 10:45am Worship S 4:30p CRASH/JOLT Shop & Serve 7pm AA WH

#### <u>Mon Mar 18</u>

10am Adult Ed HR 4:30pm Healing Hearts 6pm Adult Ed HR 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH 6:30pm Amen CR

## Tue Mar 19

7am AMEN zoom 9:30am Women's Bible 6pm GriefShare CR 6pm Handbells S 7pm Church council HR 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 20 12pm Young at Heart WH 5:15pm Children's Choir MR 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Worship S 7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 21 9:30am TGIT HR 10am Al Anon CR 1pm Hansen Group CR

Sun Mar 24 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship S 9:50am BLAST 10:45am Misa EH 10:45am Worship S 7pm AA WH

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# **Easter Lily Donations**

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along



with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$16 each.

# Donor(s)

## Donation amount \$

This donation is given (please check):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:

Donated in memory of:

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

# Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit:
Time of Worship:
Names:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
How did God invite you here?
How can we share the life of Ascension with you?
<ul> <li>Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?</li> <li>BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)</li> <li>JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)</li> <li>CRASH (high school)</li> <li>Bible study (small groups)</li> <li>Choirs or other music ministries</li> </ul>

- Serving others (local/global options)
- □ Starting Point class (membership)

## Please place in the offering plate.



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