

Order of worship

April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter



Prelude “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”, arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has come to earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.

Opening Hymn #155

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 6:1-7:2a; 7:44-60

Sermon

“Stephen’s Testimony”

Offering our Gifts

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

by Pastor Nick Dorland, Guitar
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross”
Words and music by: Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We offer our prayers together now, uniting our voices with Christ, who perfects our Prayers: Holy one, who came as a child, we pray for your children everywhere.

For those who are hungry, we pray for nourishment...

For those who are fleeing, we pray for safety...

For those who are ill, we pray for your healing...

For those who are grieving, we pray for your peace...

For those who are suffering, we pray for your presence...

Holy Three, who patterns community, we pray for communities everywhere.

For those who are divided, we pray for unity...

For those who are isolated, we pray for connection...

For those who are afraid, we pray for your courage...

For those who are frustrated, we pray for new hope...

We pray especially for those in our own community who suffer this day:

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three bless us in the work of faith, that we might be truly faithful. Nourish us in the labor of love, that we might show your love. Keep our hope steadfast, that we might know your grace and your peace as we wait for your coming reign of justice and overwhelming love. Gather all these together and hear our prayer as we join now in praying how Jesus taught us to pray:

**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 and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn #369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Postlude

“O Had I Jubal’s Lyre”, arr. by Hal H. Hopson

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WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Announcements

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Flowers

Special thanks to Carol Fowler and Jan Astles for providing some of the beauty in worship with potted flowers on the welcome table for Easter and a basket of pansies this week! Small floral arrangements are welcomed graciously by anyone in the church that would like to offer. What a joy it is to see signs of Spring here at church!

Greeters, Liturgists, Special Music, & Hymn Leaders

The Worship Committee is looking for individuals that would be comfortable taking part in worship leadership by reading the liturgy for any given Sunday, sharing in their talents with special music, or by leading the hymns. Please volunteer by signing up with the SignUp Genius [link](#) sent to your email by the office, or by contacting Dean Cornwell: deanc260@gmail.com or 315-871-8126, if you have interest. Thank you to those that have already signed up!

Family Promise Upcoming Events

There will be another volunteer training session April 29th, 6-8pm on ZOOM. If you thought about volunteering and/or would like more information about Family Promise of Ontario County, please consider this comprehensive volunteer training opportunity. Contact Rich Cromwell directly at (585) 370-0839 or richcromwell94@gmail.com. Wednesday, April 21st is FPOC Giving Day, a 24-hour online campaign to raise awareness and funds for Family Promise. Use the link here to donate: <https://www.familypromiseontariocounty.org/donate>

Christian Ed. Group Study

Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith: *A new opportunity to intentionally grow your personal faith through independent study, fun audio and video, and group discussions - totally flexible to fit YOUR schedule!* Session 6, tomorrow, Monday, **April 19th, 7-8pm:**
Topic: [BibleProject: Covenants](#)
See email or newsletter for further details, or contact the office.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via **ZOOM** each Sunday immediately after worship at **11:10am**. The link to join is included in your email and is the same each week. Please refill your coffee and join us!

Prayer Requests

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

We want to join you in prayer for specific needs or people. Please submit your prayer requests to the pastor by calling the church or email to Pastor Nick at: pastor@victorpres.org.

Pictures

Would you be willing to share pictures of your family to be used on our website and/or be shared on the slideshow during Sunday worship? Please send pictures in to Courtney in the office at office@victorpres.org.





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Nick Dorland, Special Music
Karen Tripp, Deacon Greeter

Calendar of Upcoming

Events

Sunday, April 18th

- 10 am Sunday Worship (in-person & YouTube Live) w/Sunday School
- 11:10 am Coffee hour, hosted by Deacons– ZOOM
- 11:15 am Mom’s Group Bible Study (Activity room)
- 7 pm Sunday Night AA Group

Monday, April 19th

- 7 pm Christian Ed. Study Group (*Topic: [BibleProject: Covenants](#)*)

Tuesday, April 20th

- 6 pm Deacon Meeting– ZOOM
- 7 pm Worship Committee Meeting– ZOOM

Wednesday, April 21st

- All day Family Promise Day of Giving (online campaign)

Saturday, April 24th

- 10 am Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, April 25th

- 10 am Sunday Worship (in-person & YouTube Live) w/Sunday School
- 11:10 am Coffee hour, hosted by Deacons– ZOOM
- 11:15 am Mom’s Group Bible Study (Activity room)
- 7 pm Sunday Night AA Group



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