Order of worship

March 14, 2021 4th Sunday in Lent



Prelude

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. by Larry Shackley

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death. United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.

We praise you, Lord.

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

We praise you, Lord.

In your love you took upon yourself our sins;

innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.

We praise you, Lord.

By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the Father's side.

We praise you, Lord.

You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us in our misfortune; fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face. **We praise you, Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #333

"Seek Ye First"

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, forgive our doubting, questioning hearts. Like the scribes who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing and heard his proclamation, yet spurned belief, we too have seen wonders, yet have hardened our hearts.

We confess the many times that our pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit, the times that our criticism has wounded others, the times that our dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work.

O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us, that with open hearts we may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled. **Amen.**

Moment for All Ages

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

Care for the Poor

Offering Our Gifts

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. [Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace,

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. [*Silence*]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. [*Silence*]

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray saying:

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 thing is the kingdom and the power and the glory.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #379

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you go from this place. As we go, let us go to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" arr. by Adam Mason

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 14th

8:30-9:30 am	Sunday School– ZOOM
10 am	Worship Service (in-person & YouTube Live)
11:10 am	Coffee Hour-hosted by Deacons-ZOOM

Monday, March 15th

7-8 pm

Christian Ed. series discussion group– ZOOM Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith Topics: BibleProject: Good Friday and BibleProject: Easter Sunday

Tuesday, March 16th

6 pm	Deacon Meeting
7pm	Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 18th

6:30 pm

Bible Study w/ Clay Girouard- ZOOM



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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 3, Monday, **March 15th**, **7-8pm**: Topics: BibleProject: Good Friday and BibleProject: Easter Sunday. See email or newsletter for further details.

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!

Lilies for Easter

Due to COVID-19, the worship committee is planning on a large floral arrangement for Easter in the sanctuary this year instead of individual potted lilies. We would like to offer the opportunity to the congregation to contribute to the purchase of the arrangement in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Suggested donation is \$10 each. *Donation form in email. Please place your order by March 14th.*

Liturgists

The Worship Committee is looking for individuals that would be comfortable taking part in worship leadership by reading the liturgy for any given Sunday. That can be done either in person or prerecorded and submitted. Please contact the office, office@victorpres.org or Dean Cornwell, deanc260@gmail.com or 315-871-8126, if you have interest.

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@victorpres.org.

Announcement Requests

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with the congregation and would like to be included in the Sunday morning worship slideshow? Please send to Courtney in the office by Wednesday at 10am, even earlier is welcome and appreciated, office@victorpres.org

Music

If you have any requests for preludes or postludes, please let the office know. Courtney will pass the information onto Ayn.