



Youth Sunday School

What:

***NEW ***- Sunday School program for our youth (**grades 6 and up**) that will meet twice a month during service in the youth room. All youth are invited including friends. Youth can be in the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then gather in the youth room.

Who will Lead:

We are thrilled that Erica Ekholm is back in town and will lead the youth group.

Here's a quick intro: "Hi, my name is Erica Ekholm and I grew up in 1st Presbyterian Church. I recently graduated college, and when I heard that the church wanted to restart the youth group I was ecstatic. I attended youth group throughout middle and high school, and thought it was super fun and a great way to connect with other youth within the church. I'm excited to be leading youth group, and I look forward to all of the fun we will have!"

When are the meeting dates:

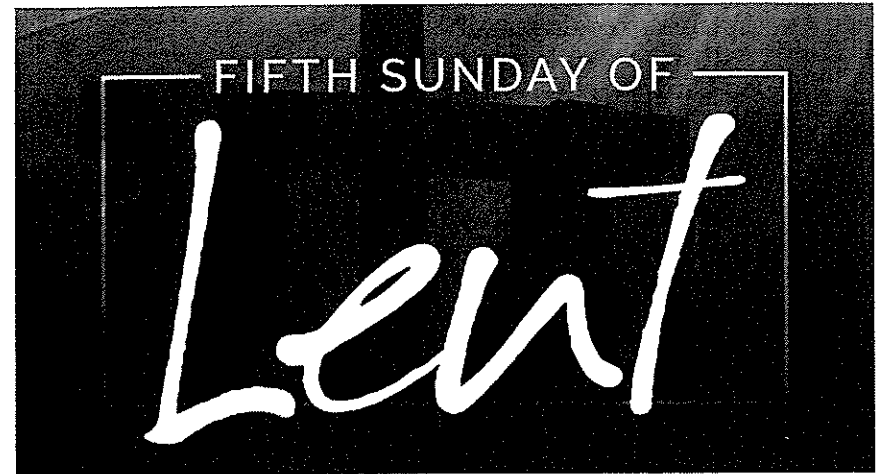
> **March 12 & 26**

> **April 16 & 30**

> **May 7 & 21**

What is the curriculum? From the Shine: Living in God's Light series, we'll be doing a 6 week study that will guide youth to apply the Bible to real life and discuss their faith. The topic is "A Speck in the Universe: The Bible on Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure"

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Church** IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship
5th Sunday in Lent

March 26th, 2023, 10am

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude

“Aria” by Paul Manz

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

(Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;
Lord, hear my voice.

**Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in God’s word I put my hope.

**I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

People of God, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with God is full redemption.

**God will redeem us
from all our sins.**

***Opening Hymn** *GTG No.621*

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:6-11

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have too often gone our own way
and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children’s Time

Special Music

“Only By Grace” arr. by Lloyd Larson
Dina Strasser, soloist

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God,
may your Holy Spirit give us
a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we may know the hope to which Christ has called
us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among
us, and the greatness of his power for those who
believe. Amen.

Based on Eph. 1:17-19

Scripture

John 11:1-45 (selected verses)

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”
²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

(cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

38 Deeply moved, Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Sermon

"From Death to Life"

***Hymn of Response No. 411**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money, sym-
bol of the work you have given us to do; use
it, use us,
in the service of your world to
the glory of your name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *GTG No. 695*

"Change My Heart, O God"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"
arr. by Lauren Gadd

***Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-***

AV: Bill Martz

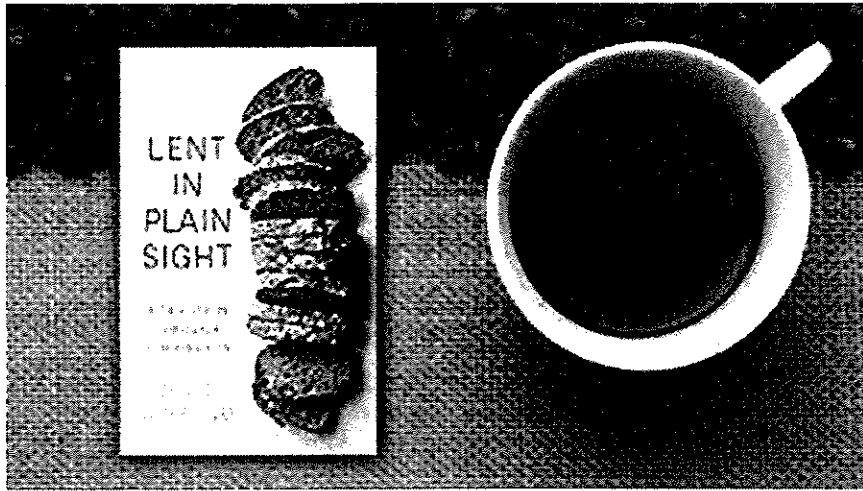
Liturgist: Dave Henderson

Fellowship: Amy Reinhardt & Alison Simpson



Lilies for Easter

We are offering lilies at **\$11 each** to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. Proceeds from lily sales will be used for our church mission activities. Please place your order by **March 30th.** *Order forms are at the back of the Sanctuary.



Lent Book Study

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

- ✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**
- ✓ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**
- ✓ Week Three, March 12: **Cross**
- ✓ Week Four, March 19: **Coins**
- ⇒ Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**
- Week Six, March 2: **Oil**
- Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
details on each event in your eNews

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 26th

5th Sunday in Lent

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| 10 am | Sunday Worship w/Youth Group |
| 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour, Lent Book Study & Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:30 pm | AA & Al-Anon meetings |

Tuesday, March 28th

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| 10 am | Free Panera |
| 7 pm | Bridge Class |

Thursday, March 30th

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| Noon | Bridge Class |
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Saturday, April 1st

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| 9 am | Bridge Seminar |
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Mark your calendars!

Spring Clean-Up Day at the church will be following worship on **Sunday, April 23rd.**

Yard work and painting/cleaning opportunities inside. Feel free to wear cleaning attire to church.

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 향상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor,
 향 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Fine

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú,
 주 님 의 모 습 람 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, *yo el ba - rro soy.*
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

to Refrain / al Estribillo / 후렴

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen,
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant feature of the spiritual life.