

Sunday, March 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Lent Week 2

**“What
is
Truth?”**



MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.

Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together, serves together, and grows together in faith.

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944. We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org.

Leading worship this morning...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministries

Emily Barth, Organist

Eric MacDonald, Worship Leader

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Adoration</i>	Florence Price
MPC Ringers	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Sandra Eithun

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where will my help come?
All: ***My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***
Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
All: ***Let us worship God.***

***Opening Song**

Your Love Never Fails
Jesus Culture/Chris Quilala
Worship Team

Nothing can separate
Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes but
You have new mercies for me every day
Your love never fails



*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails*

The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails*

You make all things work together for my good
You make all things work together for my good(x2)

*You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails
Your love never fails
Your love never fails*

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

Worship Team

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Chorus) *Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope (Repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa



Blessing of the Children (All)

“Almighty God, from whom we receive our life: We thank you for blessing us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love you, and to love whatever is just, true and good. Protect them from danger and hold them safe in your arms. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Call to Confession (John 3:16-17)

Leader: For God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life.

For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world would be saved through Him.

In confidence and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

People: *Let us confess our sins to almighty God.*

(Now, take a few moments of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession (All)

Loving God, we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes than oaks of righteousness. We sometimes repel rather than attract others to the gospel. Pride and deceit fill our days more than grace and peace. We tire of satisfying the poor with bread and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us. We turn away from your anointed one, questioning his role in history and his relevance for us. We admit that our inner faith battles are often the screen we use to keep from



facing our sin, admitting our guilt and seeking reconciliation. Open our eyes, heal our open wounds, and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven. Amen.

Lenten Response (Blue 82)

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Nikolaus Decius

MPC Choir

*Oh Lamb of God most Holy! Who on the cross did
suffer and patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer; our sins by You were
taken, or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Assurance of Pardon

(Romans 8:34, II Corinthians 5:17)

Leader: Hear the Good News!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the Good News.

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.*

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: John 18:33-38 (pg. 881)

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Great Ends of the Church:

“What is Truth?”

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

Affirmation of Faith

Belhar Confession

All: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe:

- that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another*
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ*
- that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain*



- *that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;*
- *that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.*

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Song for Offering

I Will Make All Things New

Heather Sorensen

MPC Choir

*Doxology

Hymn 592 (Blue)

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Sanctus (All)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

The Lord's Prayer (*All*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Affirmation

SENDING

*Closing Hymn (Blue 81)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Day's Psalter, 1562

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

O Sanctissima

Emma Louise Ashford

The American Guild of Organists has declared Sunday March 5 as "Woman Composer Sunday". Organists around the country are amplifying women composers in their musical selections this morning in an effort to close the gender equity gap and celebrate a spirit of inclusivity. The composer of this morning's prelude, Florence Price (1887-1953), was a Black American from Little Rock, Arkansas. She attended the prestigious New England Conservatory and is noted as the first African American woman to have her work performed by a major orchestra. Her 1st and 3rd Symphonies were recently revived and recorded by The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the album won a Grammy in 2022. The composer of today's postlude, Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930), was an organist and composer born in Newark, Delaware. She was an editor for Lorenz Publishing Company and composed extensively for The Organist, a periodical for church musicians that is still published today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms – A restroom is located in the parlor in the back of the sanctuary. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located through either side door at the front of the sanctuary, then around the corner.

Nursery – Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School-All groups meet at 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in Room 102. Youth meet downstairs in the Youth Room. Children meet downstairs in the Children's Wing.

Prayer Chain – If you are in need of prayer or would like to receive prayer chain updates, please email Reverend Rose.

Attention Mothers of Infants – The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

The Church Office Hours will be Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org.

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Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.





Join Us For Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

April 2nd
10:00 a.m.
In-Person &
Online

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6th
7:00 p.m.
In Person &
Online

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th
7:00 p.m.
In-Person &
Online

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person &
Online



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LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The Spiritual Growth Committee has produced a Lenten Devotional again this year! You can view the devotional through our weekly newsletter or website. Copies are also available in the sanctuary.

CHURCH WIDE MINI RETREAT

On Saturday, March 11, we will be hosting an All-Church Mini Retreat at MPC! Starting at 12:30 pm, we will have lunch followed by a time of praise and worship, a message, and small groups. Anyone, including friends, families, kids, and youth, is welcome to attend. There will be something for everyone! Please RSVP by today, Sunday, March 5 via the sheet in the hallway outside the kitchen or the Sign-Up Genius link in the Newsletter, allowing us to get a headcount for food and small groups. If you have any questions about the retreat, reach out to Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) or Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com).

CHURCHWIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

The Property Committee is asking you to join them for a Spring Clean Up on Saturday, March 18, starting at 8:00 a.m.! Help keep our church grounds beautiful! Contact Doug Crosby (dougascrosby@comcast.net) for more details.

PARKING REMINDER

Friends, we have received notice from the Media Police that a number of automobiles are parked illegally on Sunday morning. They are too close to the corner of street intersections, within crosswalks, or next to street corner handicapped access areas. Please observe all parking regulations and laws and do not park in the bank parking lots. Thanks for your understanding.

MPC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Email Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

CORNERSTONE KIDS

Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights are happening the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Children ages 4 and under are in the Nursery, children in Kindergarten to 5th grade meet in The Post.

Bring-A-Friend To Sunday School Day is March 19 at 9:00 a.m. Invite someone you know to come to Sunday School with you! Contact Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join Reverend Dr. David Cagle as he goes through a Lenten Bible Study either on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. both in Room 102 (and via Zoom (link in newsletter) on Wednesdays). Email Reverend David (David@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

MOYC-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The MOYC Wednesday group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. They are continuing their study of Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit.

The MOYC Monday group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. This group is continuing their study of Walk and Not Grow Weary.

Please contact Reverend Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

FAITH & FILM

In the Faith and Film Club, we assign and discuss movies much like a book club does with books. We meet every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. On March 9th we'll be discussing the movie, Argentina, 1985, directed by Santiago Mitre. Please email Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com) with any questions.

MEDIA FOOD BANK

Volunteers are always needed to help support local families facing food insecurities.

Please consider the list below and ask God where you may be able to lend a helping hand.

- Donate food items-See newsletter or website for current list of needed items and drop off in the designated bins around the church.
- Deliver items from MPC to Media Food Bank-Use the Sign-Up Genius in the newsletter or website.
- Buy fresh produce from Produce Junction & deliver it to the Media Food Bank, (you will be reimbursed up to \$125 by MPC). Use the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.

Go to the website, newsletter or contact Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com) for more information.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m., along with Prayer Chain Updates. Call 425-436-6394, use code 338523#.

To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103. Thursday, March 23, we'll be discussing the book, "Meditations", by Marcus Aurelius. Email Joe Haviland (rurahrah@comcast.net) for more information

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

PICK UP THE SWORD THIS YEAR!

The Spiritual Formation Committee would like to invite you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023!

The entire plan can be found on our website.

Sunday	Epistles:	1Cor 3-4
Monday	The Law:	Gen 36-39
Tuesday	History:	Ruth
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 27-29
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 19-20
Friday	Prophecy:	Isa 51-55
Saturday	Gospels:	Matt 26-28

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for February 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 2/28/2023	Year to date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$42,520	\$100,126	\$133,538	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$26,862	\$102,990		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	\$15,658	\$(2,864)		

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry at
Media Presbyterian Church

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 20 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, but also to share our love in a concrete way.

During Lent 2023 we are supporting two ministries familiar to many here at MPC:

Chester Eastside Ministries

Chester Eastside Ministries (CEM) shines a light in the heart of the City of Chester, PA. It provides food and clothing as well as after-school activities, a library and computer lab and programs for GED and other adult education. Media Presbyterian Church looks forward to renewing our long-time partnership with CEM.

Frederick Douglass Christian School

Hundreds of children throughout the economically-distressed community of Chester have found a safe, nurturing environment to learn, to grow and to be challenged at Frederick-Douglass Christian School (FDCS). Its curriculum stresses both the academic and spiritual development of students and meets all Pennsylvania state requirements. MPC members have volunteered in all aspects of the school since 1995.

In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! Gifts received by Sunday, April 2, will be guaranteed acknowledgement in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews (also fill out the info on the envelope) and place the envelope in the offering plate.

 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love Total gift \$ _____
(make checks payable to MPC)

Your name & phone number: _____

Please print legibly so that we are sure to have your dedication listed properly

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

I/we would like to take a flower home How many? _____



In keeping with Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 12 that the Church is the “body of Christ,” with each member contributing to its overall functioning and health; Media Presbyterian annually selects members of its congregation for the roles of Elder and Deacon.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of evaluating possible candidates who would carry out the responsibilities and duties associated with the office as put forth in the Book of Order G-2.03 page 27.

We welcome your suggestions and ask that you prayerfully nominate individuals who you believe would make meaningful contributions in the roles of Elder or Deacon. Please complete the following form to submit a nomination.

Forms may be returned to the church office or emailed to LuAnn Crosby at luanncrosby@comcast.net.

The last day to hand in nominations is March 26, 2023.

Nominators Name:

Full Name of Nominee:

Nomination (Elder or Deacon): _____

How long have you known the Nominee? In what capacity?

Please describe in detail why you believe this individual would be an excellent choice for contributing to the work of our church community.

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
LuAnn Crosby	Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch
Jeanne Cunningham	Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel
Eileen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Rohr	Jessica Johnson
Robin Smith		Eric MacDonald
		Kate Meehan
		Paul Tutton

Moderator: Reverend Dr. David Cagle *Clerk of Session:* Joe Hare

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Jeff Beaumont	Elaine Fetterman	Suzanne Beaumont
Renee Erickson	Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby
Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gible	Susan Hare
Brian McLaughlin	Dave Layton	Dave Heckman
	Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman
		Jill Lardon
		Betsy McKeone
		Pamela Orr
		Belle Patton

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School,
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC,
Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

Monday, March 6

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom

Tuesday, March 7

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom

Thursday, March 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Breakfast,
Court Diner Media
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose,
Zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Prayer
Chain Updates
- 6:30 p.m. MPC Ringers Practice, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, Room 103/Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, March 10

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 11

- 12:30 p.m. All-Church Mini Retreat
- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Begins!

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102
Youth Sunday School, Youth
Room
Children's Sunday School,
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with BLOC,
Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

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Organist	Emily Barth	Emily@mediapresbyterian.org
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	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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