

March 10th, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”
The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”
Psalm 46:10-11

O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Kauflin

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: **Praise the Lord, O my soul**

Leader: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: **Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.**

Leader: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

People: **Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

ALL: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of Invocation*Scripture Reading**

John 1:43-51
Pew Bible Page 1647

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your Will. We have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Corinthians 1:18

⁵ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

***Chorus of Thanksgiving**

Behold the Lamb



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond,



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.
brings us life paid the price to make us one.
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain!



as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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New City Catechism Question # 26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Phillips

*Chorus of Preparation

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

VERSE



1. Je - sus, — draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the
(2. Je - sus,) — guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and
(3. Let the) — treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I



storm. — You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm
sure. — When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven
go. — And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

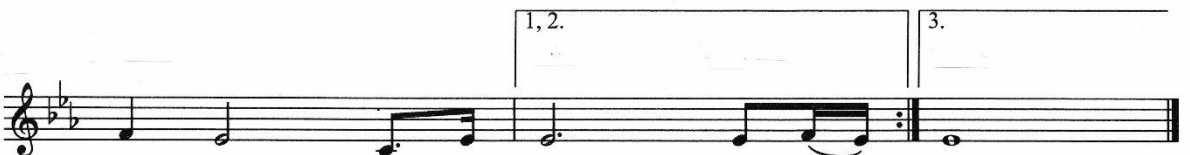
CHORUS



worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise — on wings of
more.
throne.



faith; — And at the — end of my heart's test - ing, with Your



like - ness let me wake. 2. Je - sus, — wake.
3. Let the —

I. Where Jacob was before the dream (vss. 10-11)

II. The Dream – “Jacob’s Ladder” (vss. 12-15)

A. What Jacob saw

B. What Jacob heard

III. Where Jacob was after the dream and how we can join him there (vss. 16-22)

A. What Jacob realized and said

B. What Jacob did

--- Jesus’ understanding of this story

--- Our understanding of this Gospel Story

Where am I – really?

And how will I go on from here?

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer,
grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

*Hymn of Response

Nearer My God to Thee

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thought bright with Thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***Postlude**

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

arr. Kellner

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano & Organ

Sandy Schoon

Alto Saxophone

Alanna Tuitman

Viola

Alan Tuitman

French Horn

Becky Schoon

Scripture Reading

Alice Lindborg

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 3/10	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper
	12:30 PM	Session & Deacon Meeting
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
TUES 3/12	1:00 PM	Afternoon Care Group
WED 3/13	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
THURS 3/14	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University Class
SAT 3/16	6:00 PM	Family Game Night at the church
SUN 3/17	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Important Upcoming Events

TUES 3/19	7:00 PM	Ministry Chairs Meeting
THURS 3/21	5:30 PM	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
SAT 3/23	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Memorial Service for Mildred Harreld
THURS 3/28	11:00 AM	Brunch at Viking Chili Bowl
SUN 4/14	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Missions Focus)
WED 4/24	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting

Serving the Lord

	<i>3/10</i>	<i>3/17</i>	<i>3/24</i>
S.S. Nursery	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak	B. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	A. Lindborg, Cordie A.	V. Lash, Grayden L.
Greeters	Stoltzfus	Hale/Grass	Lindborg
Bring Treats	Schoon	Hrivnak	O'Neal
Server & Clean-Up	Schoon	Hrivnak	O'Neal
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak

Announcements

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **Pastor Walter Lorenz:** This morning we welcome Walter Lorenz, Pastor at Large of the Great Lakes Presbytery and our interim pastor while we search for a new pastor. Our guest pastor for next week Sunday is Jonathan Key, a senior student at Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

☞ **Family Game Night This Saturday Evening:** The Stoltzfus Care Group would like to invite the congregation for Family Game Night this Saturday evening, March 16 from 6-8 pm at the church. Please bring your favorite board or card game for a night of fun and fellowship. Transportation will be provided since we would love for the retired members of the congregation to play games with some of the children of the congregation. Snacks will be provided.

☞ **Pastoral Search Committee:** Please note the insert in today's bulletin. The committee met last week and are discussing the importance of prayer both for the committee and the congregation during this process. Please post this insert somewhere so that you will be reminded to pray throughout the week.

☞ **Afternoon Care Group:** This Care Group (previously called Greene Care Group) will meet (weather permitting) this Tuesday, March 12, at 1:00 pm. Pastor Walter Lorenz will lead this group. Come and enjoy a time of Bible study and fellowship.

☞ **Ministry Chairs Meeting:** Chairpersons and/or other designated members are requested to please attend this meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm. The goal is to communicate, coordinate, and plan together upcoming ministry activities. This is especially important as summer activities are being planned! These Ministry Chair meetings have served this purpose well, so please come and bring ideas. Each committee should have 1-2 representatives at the meeting.

☞ **Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible Study will start on Saturday, March 23. We will meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 - 9:30 am. Please join us for a discussion of the book *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper. Books will be ordered soon, so **please sign up on the sheet on the table** by the kitchen if you're interested. The cost is \$11. We look forward to seeing you there!

☞ **Brunch Fellowship:** Meet for brunch on Thursday, March 28, at 11:00 am at the Viking Chili Bowl (105 E Morthland Drive, Valparaiso). Everyone welcome!

☞ **Gospel Conference:** Consider attending the Gospel Coalition National Conference to be held April 1-3 in Indianapolis, entitled "Conversations with Jesus." In the main talks, attendees will "listen in" to conversations Jesus had with others. The goal is to prepare and encourage us to give away the gospel. The Hrivnaks and Schoons already have their tickets. For more information go to www.thegospelcoalition.org/TGC19.