

5th Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Into My Heart (Invitation Medley)” Arranged by Don Wyrzten

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming, or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN 830**

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE

1 Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me;
ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb: nothing in the world can hide thee;
naught I ask beside thee.

2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would oppress me cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear;
lightnings flash and thunders crash: yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Hence, all fears and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in:
God, who dearly loves us, from all trial saves us; gives sweet peace within;
I have borne this worldly scorn; still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before our merciful God and beg for God's pardon on this Lenten journey.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are a people in wilderness exile, tempted to satisfy our greed for more instead of building a just and equitable world for all. Find us and free us, Holy God. Restore us and guide us home. Amen.

Silent Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we humbly approach your Word today. Help us not only to hear the message you intend for us, but to embody your Word in our daily lives and action. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

ANTHEM **“How Can I Keep from Singing”** Quaker Hymn
by Robert Lowry
arr. by Penny Downs Tullock
Soloist: Noelle Restaino

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON

"Anointed"

Elder Joe Martinoni

*HYMN 201

A PROPHET WOMAN BROKE A JAR

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

2 A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Outreach Committee

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN 697 TAKE MY LIFE**

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir (The Old Hundredth)”
by Johann Pachelbel

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Calendar

Sunday, April 3 Open & close—Pat Budis
9:15 – 10:15 am Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:30 am Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook
11:45 am Outreach Meeting – BK Room
1:30—4:00 pm MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 4 Office Closed

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 am—12:30 pm Office Open
9:30—11:30 am Bible Study—via Zoom
12:00—1:30 pm AA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm CE Meeting via Zoom
7:30—9:30 pm FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 am—12:30 pm Office Open

Thursday, April 7

9:00 am – 12:30pm Office Open
6:20 pm – Beginner Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:50 pm – Advance Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 8, 2022 Office Closed

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Sunday, April 10, 2022 **Palm Sunday** - Open & Close Mark Kuschke

9:15 – 10:15 am Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook
10:30 am Coffee Hour with Hot Cross Buns
2:00 – 4:00 pm MORE – Fellowship Hall

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
Good Friday Service @ United Methodist Church 12 Noon
Tenebrae Service First Presbyterian Church 7:00pm
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:15am
Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

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