

Household Prayer: Morning *Isa. 6:3, 8; Ps.138:3*

God, I give you thanks this morning
as I watch the beauty of the newborn light,
listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature,
and ponder the miracle of my own breathing
and your presence in it all.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Increase my strength of soul today.

And whenever I see a need,
help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee, arr. C. Callahan¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of God in the temple. God was on a throne and attended by mysterious creatures. Witnessing this scene made him say,

ALL: "This is terrifying. I'm a fallible human being. I speak of things that are off limits and I talk nonsense about God."

Leader: But God touched his mouth and helped him turn from his corrupt ways. And God asked him to serve, and he said,

ALL: "Here I am Lord, Send me."

Leader: May we also experience the presence of God this day as we worship together. Let us sing together giving glory of God.

***HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation, Foundation²

verse 4 - Choir only

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives. We are ashamed of the ways in which we have used our creativity and our language and our energy. In the quiet of this morning we consider the ways in which we know we have been sinful. We ask you to intervene and heal us of our harmful ways. We ask for your forgiveness. In Jesus name we pray (continue with silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Vasile³*

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON*Luke 5:1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON*Encountering God***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*****HYMN 170***You Walk along Our Shoreline, Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien⁵***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 69 (refrain)*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, Here I Am⁶*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

OFFERTORY

God Has Called Us, arr. R. Hobby⁷

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁸
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

*HYMN 751

From the Nets of Our Labor, Hamilton⁹

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, arr. M. Hayes¹⁰

I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.
Though none go with me, I still will follow. No turning back, no turning back.
The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back, no turning back.
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

Leaders Today:

Preacher: Pastor Sara Tonje	Liturgist: Chuck Kamp
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman	AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
The Chancel Choir	Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist
Ushers/Greeters: Linda Moss, Karen Osborne, Judy Graham, Gary Stephens (Deacon)	



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS February 9, 2025

The Racial Equity Book Study Today

The Racial Equity Working Group is sponsoring a four week book study on the *The False White Gospel*. This Sunday, we will be discussing chapters 7—end. This book study is offered on zoom. Look for the link in Sunday's email.

2025 Dine with Nine—Sign up Today!

As in the past, we will form groups of 9-10 which will meet several times over the year for fellowship and food. Groups can meet at the church, in homes, at restaurants, at a park, etc. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can email Juanita. A potluck kickoff dinner will be February 21 at 6pm in fellowship hall. Any questions, contact Juanita Halls - jjh71152@gmail.com.

February 16 - Intergenerational Movie and Pizza

The Education committee invites all generations to a movie, popcorn and pizza following worship on February 16. We will be watching *Inside Out*, an animated coming-of-age film by Disney/Pixar. *Inside Out* follows the inner workings of the mind of Riley, a young girl who adapts to her family's relocation as five personified emotions administer her thoughts and actions. The movie explores themes of: the complexity of human emotions; the challenges of growing up, the need to experience the full range of emotions and the importance of accepting yourself and allowing yourself to feel messy sometimes. A brief discussion will follow the movie.

Black History Month Resources & Events

Community Events:

- Madison College's SOULful Joy exhibit. The exhibit showcases art that resonates with the power of joy that is deep-rooted, resilient and soulful. The exhibit runs February 2-28.
- Fitchburg Senior Center, 5510 Lacy Road, Fitchburg:
 - *Feb. 26th, 12-1pm, "Stoney the Road Story" (A look at Black History with Community Historians)
 - *Month-long display featuring Fitchburg's first Black farmers

Events at the Overture Center:

- Feb. 8 at 7pm: Heritage in Motion: A Burlesque Journey in Black History
- Moonshine 2025, Feb. 28, 3:30pm
- Madison Symphony Orchestra Overture Concert Organ Series (Limmie Pulliam, tenor & Greg Zelek, organ) Feb. 25, 7:30pm.

Website Resources:

- Blackhistorymonth.gov
- "African Americans and Labor" asalh.org/black-history-themes
- Presbyterian Women "Racial Equity" webpage presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/antiracism
- Presbyterian Historical Society: pcusa.org/news-storytelling/blogs/historical-society-blog/through-lens-black-history-month
- 28daysofblackhistory.com

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine

Members & Friends: Jean Loup (loss of her brother), Dale Bjorling and family

Online Giving

Collection plates will be passed around, but if you prefer to donate online, feel free to use this QR Code. Thanks!

