



THIS WEEK

- March 18 Alexander Tangye
- March 18 Aiden Thomas
- March 19 Rebecca Brown
- March 22 Todd Thiebeau
- March 23 Robert B. Brown
- March 23 Linda Briggs
- March 24 Carl Bingle



Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Pat Phillips, JoAnne Stirling, Charles Hoffman, Ralph Green Pat Guldenfennig, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So, David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

~ I Samuel 17:38-40

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

** Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Christ Jesus, on Sunday, You Rode into Town
In the Cross of Christ I Glory (hymn 328)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (hymn 324)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
 St. Denio, arr. Wilbur Held
 Rathbun, arr. Mary McDonald
 Hamburg, arr. Albin Whitworth

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE & INTROIT

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Arthur Frackenpohl

The hymn tune "Galilee" and its text (592) coincide with today's sermon text from Mark 4:35-41. The composer, a Crane professor emeritus and Potsdam First Pres. organist, creates a Passacaglia with a repetitive bass alluding to the rocking of a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

Carl Bingle, organ; Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 51

Leader: From birth I have wanted what is wrong;
 I am woven together with wrong impulses.

**People: The good is to do what is true;
 to do what is good is to know the truth;
 let goodness and truth keep company in me.**

Prepare my heart for holiness;
 wash my soul so you will abide with me;
 let me be clean and right;
 let me be pure of heart.

**Forget the failures that are so many;
 cover the shame that stains.**

**Rebuild my soul; remake my soul.
 Let there be a new spirit within me.**

***HYMN #324**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in the greatness and complexity of creation your wisdom is revealed. But we think that we are at the center of the universe you made, and we darken our lives by ignoring you. You limit all things under the heavens. You even stop the wave of our pride with mortality. Still we test every boundary and cross every line, mistaking ourselves as sovereign lives. With all that you make, and all you give us, we remain ungrateful, untrusting, and filled with fear. Save us O Lord from the stormy waters of life, so that we may stand and follow you anew. Amen

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*RESPONSE - YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE - HYMN #700

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 17:38-40 (Old Testament, page 261-262 in pew Bibles)

SOLO

Oceans
Rev. Casey Carbone, soloist

Hillsong United

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Casey Carbone
(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

Response

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia: Praise Ye the Lord!

ANTHEM

Who Is Like You, O God?

Mock/arr. Lopez

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41 (New Testament, page 39 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"The Storms of Philistia"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #349

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

OFFERTORY SOLO

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; give us peace.

Clancy Cox, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

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 THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMN #435

God of Grace

CMW RHONDDA

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

The Quiet Call of Christ (Matthew 4:19)

Carl Bingle, organ

Dennis Eliot