



Murray Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023 10am Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Silent Reflection

Ringling of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: We meet this day in the name of a different kind of king.

People: We meet in the name of Christ, whose kingdom is not of this world.

Leader: His kingdom is not one of earthly power or dominion.

People: His is a kingdom of truth; his is the kingdom of God.

*Hymn: *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

WC 226

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, we confess that we tend to be more outspoken about our earthly patriotisms than about our citizenship in your spiritual kingdom. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us by your gracious Spirit a change of heart that will make us at least as concerned about our eternal allegiances as we are about our temporal loyalties. In the name of Christ the king we pray.

Amen

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: *We Are Forgiven*

Children are Released for Sunday School

Scripture: John 18:28-38

Sermon: "The Glory of Moral Authority"
(*The Glory of the Cross, pt. 5*)
Reverend William J. McConnell

*Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

WC 225

Prayers of the People 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

*Doxology
**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**

*Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

WC 229

***Benediction and Benediction Response**

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshipping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (Found in pew rack)

Announcements

Inquirers Class

An Inquirers Class led by the pastor is meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We are looking at what it means to be a Christian and at Presbyterian beliefs and practices. This class is designed for people desiring to join the church, but it is open to anyone. See the pastor if you are interested.

Lenten Challenge

It's not too late to take up the Lenten Challenge of reading through John's Gospel during the Lenten Season. You can use your own Bible or feel free to take a copy of the modern-language New Living Translation of John on the back table. Also check out the background resources on John available on the church website. Remember, on average the gospel of John can be read in two hours--about the length of time it takes to watch a movie!

Wednesdays in Lent

The last Wednesday evening Lenten gathering takes place this week. There is a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:30 pm, followed by a Bible study at 7:00 pm. For the Bible study, we are viewing Adam Hamilton's video series on the gospel of John with discussion and additional insights offered by Pastor Bill.

Maundy Thursday

A special worship service for Maundy Thursday will take place on April 6 at 7:00 pm.

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