

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

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*Prayer of Confession: **Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

Gloria Patri*: **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.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Debbie LaCourt

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--Susie Fox

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8–14

Pg. 978, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *Order My Steps*

Sermon Text: John 9:1–41

Pg. 895, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

No. 343

*Creed: *The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563*

L: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

P: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Offering (Sunday)

*Doxology (Sunday): **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

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mary Beth Schuiteman, Sunny Johnson, Tom Olson, Carol Hochstein, Bob Hendrickson, Ralph Kramer, Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick; Sam and Cayla Schaefer

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

No. 630

*Benediction & Response: *Majesty*

No. 10

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Today: 3:00p.m Ordination Service for Lauren**
--Potluck following in Fellowship Hall
- Monday:** 3:30p.m Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Lenten Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:00p.m. Sr. High & 789 Youth Groups
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, March 29th 4:00-7:00p.m.

We need many volunteers to make this outreach event a success, so please consider giving some of your time to help out. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fireside Room. We are still in need of egg cartons and candy. We are all set on eggs. Thanks to all who donated!

Difference Maker T-Shirts: If you would like one of our Difference Maker/Shine the Light T-Shirts from Youth Sunday we are selling them for \$10. There is a table with info and a sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room.

College Connection: Care packages will be sent to our college students in April, so please get your college student's address to Mary Jean (maryjean5775@gmail.com) by March 31st. If you'd like to donate any of the following items, just drop them off in the office by Sunday, April 2nd: gum, mints, granola bars, pens, pencils, post-it notes, individually-wrapped baked goods, or a monetary donation. We are planning for 10 packages.

Ushers: Andy and Laurie Fuller
Mike and Susan Corcoran