



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Cup of Sorrow"
Sanctuary Choir

Berry

MINUTES FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing
Spring Work Day

Nancy Kauhl
Rodger Hoke

+* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicholas Pierce

L: Lord God, you are the great I AM, you are resurrection and life.

P: As we worship you this day, show us who we are: bearers of
good news, messengers of resurrection.

L: O people, hope in the Lord.

P: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

L: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

P: Let us all worship the Lord!

+*HYMN #263

[All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Nicholas Pierce

O Lord if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We say we want peace but are quick to resort to war. We say we rely on you but place our security in temporal things above all. We say we care for the poor, hungry, sick and dying, but we seek our own well-being above all else. Even so, you love us, still you forgive us. Forgive our sin Lord so that we may worship you fully, with cleansed hearts, full of your radiant love, grace and compassion. In Jesus' name, we pray.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

*HYMN # 551

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nicholas Pierce

L: In the waters of our baptism, God called us by name.
P: Through Jesus Christ, our sins have been washed away.
L: Gone is the old life, for through God's promises,
we have been given new life.
All: Hallelujah, Amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

+* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Nicholas Pierce

L: Now, as those who know God's peace in Jesus Christ, let us share his peace
with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
P: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

BAPTISM

Rev. Lisa Chase and Rev. Wahlig

Cooper Theodore Crowell, son of Robert and Amanda Crowell,
grandson of Debi and Steve Wiest

Hymn #488 [“I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry”](#)

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Nicholas Pierce

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

Rev. Chase

SERMON

“Dry Bones”

Rev. Chase

ANTHEM

“Standing on the Promises”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tero

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wahlig

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wahlig

*Doxology, Hymnal #606 “Doxology”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

*HYMN #308

[“O God in Whom All Life Begins”](#)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chase

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #540, v.1

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

arr. Wagner

+Latecomers will be seated

Footnote: Liturgy is from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, Advent through Pentecost, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.*



The chancel flowers are given by the Jackson family,
in memory of Dennis, loving husband and friend.

Hearing-assist devices are located at each entrance of the Meeting House.

To assist those who for some reason must leave the sanctuary during the worship service, a video-camera link broadcasts the service to the Chapel.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

Ushers: Tracy Bryan and Tony Kren

Lay Liturgist: Nicholas Pierce

Deacon Servers: Linda Adams and Deb Pfaff

Downtown Daily Bread on March 31: Bill Cook and co-worker

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 26, 2023

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 2: Worship at 9 am and 11 am

Join us between services for a *Palm Sunday Brunch* in the Gathering Place. No sign-up is required, but donations are appreciated.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 pm

Simple Supper and Communion—Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30 pm: Service of Tenebrae in the Meeting House

Easter, April 8: Worship at 9 am and 11 am, Children's Easter Celebration at 10 am

Nursery care for children 3 and under.

Lenten Series on “The Chosen” this Wednesday, March 29, In-Person AND on Zoom

Join us from 6:30-7:30 pm for our final week.

Sunday School 10 am: The adults will be in Room 204, and watching the Max Lucado series, "He Choose the Nails", episode "He Choose to Give Us Confidence". The children will meet in Room 202. Guest speaker, Mr. Stefan Karkuff, will speak about our Victory Garden and help the children plant the first seeds that will be transplanted to our garden.

Easter Lilies: Help us celebrate Christ's resurrection by ordering an Easter lily to decorate our church. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Place. Lilies are \$15.00 (checks only please, made payable to SSPC). Please submit your order by Monday, April 3rd.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – April 2, 2023: OGHS began in 1947 in response to the needs of refugees coming out of Europe after WWII. While much of this special offering is now used for other kinds of relief, such as hunger, around the world, it still provides people with safety, sustenance and support. Rev. Wahlig's recent sermon series on Walking With God, relating the stories of Abraham and Sarah, and Moses and his people wandering the wilderness, reminds us that the Bible is full of stories of refugees and God's presence with them. Through OGHS's purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world, PC(USA) provides a tangible way to share God's love. Please give generously to the OGHS special offering on Palm Sunday.

Spring Work Day - Saturday, April 1, 8 am - Noon: The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to come and help spruce up our campus. Help is needed with raking, weeding, cutting, etc. and light cleaning in the buildings. No hands will be idle.

Sympathy: We extend our prayers and sympathy to the Smith family for the death of Marie Smith this week. Please keep John and daughter Vickie in your prayers.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 8th at 11 am: The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and special Easter gifts will be awarded to lucky egg hunters. The youth will be stuffing eggs and hiding them - donations of candy appreciated! Contact one of the co-chairs of CE if you would like to help.

Quilting Group: You are invited to join the quilting group on Wednesday mornings at 10 in Room 201. No experience required. On Wednesday, March 29th, the group will be going on a field trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show. We will carpool from the church parking lot at approximately 9 am. For questions, please contact either Carol Bogar or Kathy Furr.

Tinner/Fehr Scholarship

Thanks to the Tinner/Fehr families, SSPC students have a wonderful opportunity. Applicants for this scholarship must be current, active members of SSPC and either a high school senior or college student committed to a career in human healthcare and/or a human healthcare-related field of study. To apply for the scholarship, they must write a short essay that includes, but is not limited to, listing of the colleges to which they are applying, chosen major, career goal, and explaining how SSPC has influenced their lives and future career choices. Please submit your essay to the Deacon Moderator (Shawn Marshall) or to the church office by April 30th.

Lunch Bunch: Join us for lunch on **Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 am** at the Olive Garden, 6520 Carlisle Pike. To reserve you place, please sign up in the Gathering Place or call Dale or Linda Darkes, 717-791-0266.

Victory Garden is Coming

We hope that we have found a good spot behind the Waugh-Wilson garage, to plant a small garden to grow vegetables and fruits to be donated to local food banks. The garden will be formed, planted, weeded, and harvested by CE, Sunday School kids and Core. We hope to have Stefan Karkuff visit our Sunday School and instruct the children how to plant seeds and some small plants in the garden, in coming weeks. Thanks to those who have made suggestions and volunteered to help and donated funds for supplies. Anyone with suggestions on what to plant, please contact one of the CE Co-chairs.

Spring Fling - Sunday, April 23rd, 4:00—7:00 pm

CE is sponsoring a spring dance and dinner. Learn to dance, enjoy fellowship and break bread together. Music will be provided by a DJ. We will learn several dances. Come and learn, come to dance, or just come to enjoy the music and food. We are asking everyone that comes to bring a salad, in honor of spring—any salad will do! CE will provide fresh bread and jams/jellies. CE will also provide drinks and desserts. No cost! Donations appreciated! Look for a signups to begin next week.

Moses! Sight and Sound - May 18th: Join us on Thursday, May 18th, with an 11 am show time. We will leave the church at 9 am. After the show, we will head to Shady Maple Smorgasbord and Farm for a late lunch. We anticipate returning to the church before 6 pm. The cost is \$170/person. Prices have gone up slightly, but CE will receive a donation back of \$5/person. We can accommodate up to 80 folks; **signup must be completed by April 1st.** For questions, contact Scott Pepperman. Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Vacation Bible School “Faith Expedition,” June 19-23, 2023, 9 am—12 noon

- We are collecting toilet paper rolls, paper bags (like the grocery store ones) and empty diaper wipe containers in the Gathering Place.
- If anyone has brick, stone or wood that is left over from building construction, please let Lisa Chase know (lisa@silverspring.org).
- If you'd like to volunteer helping to build the sets, a few work dates will begin in mid-April. Look for a sign-up in the Gathering Place as the time nears.
- **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Paper forms are in the Gathering Place. You can register your child online also through Realm.

CE is sponsoring coffee with the SSPC Preschool. We will be alternating on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, providing coffee and doughnuts for parents, teachers and church staff. We look forward to meeting new friends and greeting old friends as well. Come and join us if you are at the church.

Wednesday Night Out! Stay tuned for this new effort from CE, after the Lenten Season. We will invite the church family, the preschool and the neighborhood to join us on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship, study and games. Details to follow.

End of School Bash/Movie Night Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4th, for the annual "End of School Bash" and "Movie Night!" CE will again sponsor this event which will include a good old fashioned backyard barbecue and a movie in the gym for church families, preschool families and the neighborhood. The time is 4:30 pm to 7 pm.

New Hope Ministries - Needs for March include: Pasta (any type except spaghetti), pasta sauce, and tooth paste. **NEW:** New Hope also needs egg cartons - 12 count, and can be cardboard or Styrofoam. Items can be placed in the bins outside the Chapel. Thank you!

Thank You: This year's Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$2051.00. This offering supports two main PC(USA) purposes; first the offering supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders; second, the offering honors those leaders who have served us well by supporting the Board of Pensions. Thank you everyone for contributing to this offering.

Earth Care—Consider this: If you are a gum chewer, consider quitting or changing to a plastic free gum. Since the 1940's most gum ingredients have been replaced by synthetics [polyethylene - used in making plastic bags; polyisobutylene-used to make inner tubes]. There are plastic-free brands. This type uses xylitol - natural sweetener that fights cavities. Some brands state that their gum is biodegradable, GMO-free, and/or vegan [Chicza, Simply, Glee, Humble, Chewsy are a few]. If you are serious about eliminating plastic from your life, this is a simple change to make. **Remember April 22:** Earth Day Extravaganza at SSPC

Feed My Starving Children: The Turning Point Church in Mechanicsburg sponsored a Mobil Pack event to pack approximately 250,000 meals for the Feed My Starving Children organization. Each day their partners distribute thousands of meals to schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs around the world to help break the cycle of poverty. Fourteen SSPC members had a great time helping the Turning Point Church meet their goal.

2023 HELP Ministries Golf Tournament, June 5: You can help individuals, kids and families avoid or overcome the trauma of homelessness. Register to change the life of a neighbor in need. Location is the Sunset Golf Course in Middletown, with registration at 7:15 am, start time at 8:00 am. Lunch and awards at 1:00 pm. To register, call 717-230-9550.

Job Opportunity: Beacon Clinic is looking for a Nurse Practitioner/Physician's Assistant and an additional R.N./L.P.N. Both of these paid positions are tailored for someone wanting to go from full-time work to part-time work or someone semi-retired. The job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board near the water fountain by the office.

CORE Youth Group — March 26 is CORE Day Out - Gettysburg Escape Room 2:30-6:30 pm
April 1, 2023: Spring work day from 8-12
April 2, 2023: CORE from 6-8 - Stuff Easter Eggs
April 8, 2023: Easter Egg Hunt 11 am
April 9, 2023: No CORE — Happy Easter!

PRAYERS

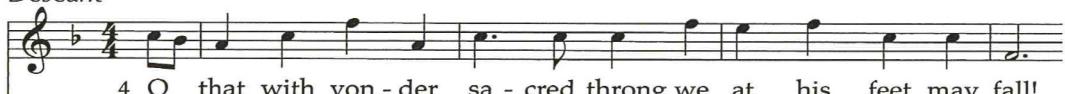
Prayers of healing and comfort: Jim Shoop, Gail Holland, Shannon Leary, Nan Alleman, Sheri Miller, Pat Miller, Margie Kutz

Prayers of sympathy: John and Vickie Smith; Thomas Baker for the death of his brother; Lisa Janson for the death of her mother; Beth, Bill, and John Vipperman and family; Millie Swatt; Amy Meadows for the death of her grandmother

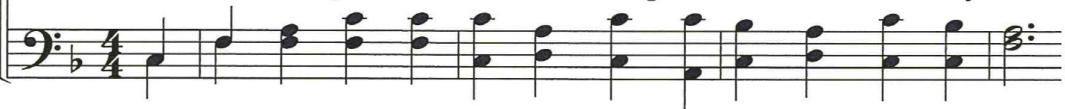
Prayers for our military: Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - ccribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!



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488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no

you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as

light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

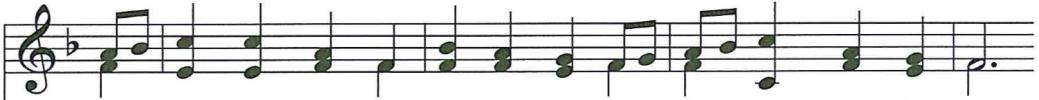
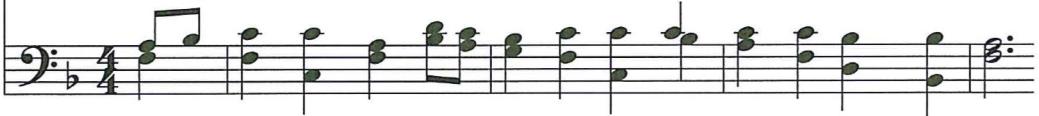
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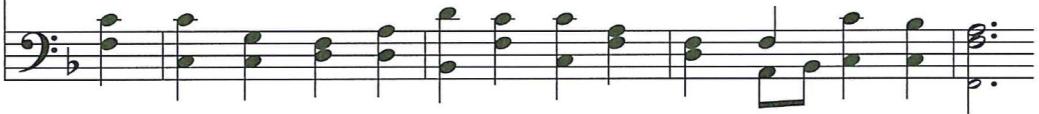
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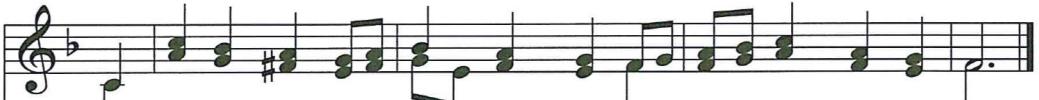
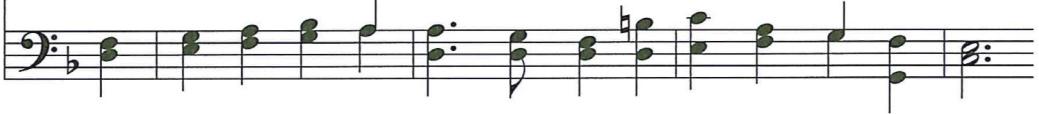
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



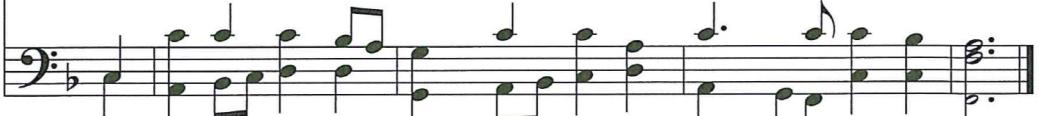
be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im-parts.
so bind us in com-mu-ni-ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor-ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in-crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro-claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.



ATTENDANCE

March 12

9 am Traditional— 92 YouTube— 96
11am Gathering—45 YouTube— 37
Sunday School—24

March 19

9 am Traditional— 102 YouTube— 91
11am Gathering—62 YouTube— 22
Sunday School—25



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Bryan Corbin	Director of Youth Ministry
Dr. Kyle J. Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Music Associate
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Sexton

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.
Soli Deo Gloria*

Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.

Glorify God: Glorify and praise God through discipling, sharing faith and serving with love

Show Compassion: Compassion expressed as care and concern for all

Share Hospitality: Inclusive hospitality through welcome, acceptance and fellowship

Nurture Relationships: Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

Steward God's gifts: Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts

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