



*“And I,
when I am
lifted up
from the
Earth,
will draw
all people
to Myself.”*

- John 12:32

March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio



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God's love is here for you!

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*settings, Christina Becket and
Gerald Peterson*

Alice Hoover, organ

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Debbie McFarland and
Ward and Dorothy Hardesty given by Karen Brown.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

GATHERING PRAYER

***HYMN 366** (insert page 2-3) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*text, Charles Wesley
music, Rowland Hugh Prichard*

*All who are able please stand.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits.
Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions.
Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and
forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden.
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try
again. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

Liturgist

Holy Wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Vocal ensemble: Debbie Clark, Ron Geese, Norma Grewe,
Sally & Glenn Kinkade, Jeff Sycks, Julie Wells
Alice Hoover, piano

GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

We proclaim Christ crucified - the wisdom and power of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls and Dies

Pastor Karen

***HYMN 826** (insert page 1)

Lift High the Cross
stanzas 1 and 3

*text, George William Kitchin
music, Sydney Hugo Nicholson*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

Let us say what we believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")

- Pastor: Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying:
In your steadfast love, O Lord, have mercy on us. God of all mercy, we pray
for the church . . . Teach us to treasure your word of grace and to live
faithfully as your people, so that all may know that you are our God.
In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**
- Liturgist: God of all mercy, we pray for the world . . . Drive out false leaders and wicked
rulers; draw all people to your way of truth and life, bringing justice and
peace to every land.
In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**
- Pastor: God of all mercy, we pray for this community . . . Hasten the coming of that
great day when all people—from the greatest to the least—will know the
promise of your holy realm.
In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**
- Liturgist: God of all mercy, we pray for loved ones . . . Hear the prayers and tears of all
who suffer. By the saving power of Christ Jesus deliver them from sickness,
sin, and death.
In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**
- Pastor: Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation; renew and sustain our spirits,
so that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our hope
and strength, who taught us to pray...
- All: 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow *setting, David Lasky*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small,
Love so amazing; so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts - and use our lives - to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BLESSING RESPONSE 215** (insert page 4)

What Wondrous Love Is This
stanza 1

POSTLUDE

Take Up Your Cross

setting, Robert J. Powell

*"Take up your cross, the savior said, If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing hearts, and humbly follow after me."*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:



MONDAY (3/22):		Pastor's Sabbath
TUESDAY (3/23):	7 p.m.	Session meeting via Zoom
THURSDAY (3/25):	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Prayer Fellowship via Conference Call <i>Having a Mary Spirit</i> book/video study via Zoom
SUNDAY (3/28):	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship in person in the sanctuary

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain
 the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.

MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965
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WONDEROUS LOVE
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