

MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor: *Rev. John S. Carpenter*

Accompanist: *Linda Booth*

Worship Leader: *Debra Brush*

Choir Director: *Millie Funk*

Ushers: *KC & Emma Coon*

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **PRAISE IN MUSIC** No. 650 "O for a Heart to Praise My God"

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Colossians 1:9-14*

One: We come seeking to be filled with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.

All: So that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

One: Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience.

All: Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

One: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

All: In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always listen for Your call. We do not always respond to the needs and opportunities that come before us. We often will back away, hoping that someone else will step forward. We clutter our lives with various responsibilities and yet ignore our responsibilities as Christians. When we are called to carry out Your work, whatever it may be, help us to respond, "Here I am Lord" and participate in the ministry we are called to. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen

TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **HYMN** No. 591 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Ah, Holy Jesus" by Johann Crüger & Gary Matheny

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** No. 814 "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.**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Ages 0-3 may go to the nursery; ages 4-8 go to Children's Church*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS *See Insert*

SERMON "Sloth vs. Diligence and Wrath vs. Patience"

* **HYMN** No. 653 v. 1-3 "Whiter than Snow"

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER – *found on inside front cover of hymnal*

* **HYMN** No. 653 v. 4 "Whiter than Snow"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG RESPONSE** "Christ Has Walked This Path"

**Christ has walked this path, the path that we are on.
Angels walk with us, the path that we are on.
Father, Son, and Spirit keep us in your hands.
And remind us that the path that we are on, Christ has walked.**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able may stand*

Welcome to all this Lord's Day! Visitors, please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Child care is available throughout the service for children up to 3 years in the Nursery downstairs. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after our worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR *Dennis Wirth, Shawn Wells, Chet Willis, Katrina Armatis (Dodd), Linda Wood, Brandon Bloom, Jeffery Swenson, Josh Bergh, Andrew Brunson, and Tim Bailey and the families of LouAnn Bennett and Clyde Montgomery.*

SENIOR LUNCHEON this **Wednesday, March 14 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, our Presbyterian heritage, and who we are as the Oakville Church Family, you are invited to attend our New Member Orientation. [You are welcome to attend even if you do not plan to join in membership.] If you are interested, please let Pastor John know what days and times work best for you.

OPTIONS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER changelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. They are due back **today**. There are plenty of changelopes left. You are welcome to take one, fill it, and return it directly to Options PRC.

HOME GROUPS have begun. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Join in now!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Helpers are needed to teach in Children's Church. If you are willing to help with this very important ministry, please see Bridgette Tedrow.

CHOIR FROM RIVERSIDE CHURCH in Peoria will be performing an Easter Concert at Oakville Church on April 8 at 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring finger food for a potluck after the performance. Please see Gary Margason for details.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

* **COFFEE HOUR** this morning is provided by **Heather Orr & Bridgette Tedrow.**

* **FLOWERS** this morning are provided by **Bob Haley.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER this morning is **Martha Kennedy.**

CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT this morning is **Jon Anderson.**

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS Jim Roberts 3/17, David Smith 3/17, Van Decker 3/22, Carolyn Witters 3/23, Jane Zuidema 3/24, Vicki Bush 3/28, Marian Divine 3/28.

* *Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for future Sundays.*

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