



Wycliffe

March 16, 2025 - Lent II

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“Meet an Unhurried God”

Do you have a “time out” chair in your home? If you have young children, it might get plenty of use, but we all, regardless of our age, need time to reconnect with God. During the Lenten season, perhaps YOU will benefit from some time in your own “time-out” chair.

Welcome & Announcements
A PRAYER TO BEGIN WORSHIP

LET US WORSHIP

PSALM 27 (all read the bold)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Even if an army encamps against me, my heart shall not fear.

One thing I ask is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.

He will keep me in his tent and set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted above my enemies and I shout for joy.

I will make melody to the Lord!

Violin Partita No.3 in E Major, BWV 1006 (I. Preludio)

Johnathan Spence, violin

***HYMN 187 “SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”** (stand in body or spirit & sing).

~ Share the Peace of Christ ~

Music-Makers

“Kum ba Yah” (traditional Spiritual ~ ‘Come by here’)

Children’s Time with the Pastor

TOO BUSY? MEET AN UNHURRIED GOD - “PREPARING A TABLE”

Hear these comforting words from the scriptures (all sing the refrain when indicated)



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with my righteous hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Sing refrain: **And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you O God, preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies and deliver me. (Psalm 138:7) **(Sing refrain)**

One night in a vision, the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and don't be silent, for I am with you. No one will attack or harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." (Acts 18:9-10) **(Sing refrain)**

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

God of the green pasture, the prepared table,
you offer to be our shepherd and yet we want more.

We lie down when we could act;
we stir the pot when we could be at peace.

We wander tempting paths when we could follow your clear way
and try to seek comfort in earthly things.

We love to hate our enemies, almost make a career of it,
and see nothing but scarcity when you offer abundance.

**God, in your goodness and mercy, forgive us,
that we might learn to trust, and dwell in your grace forever.**

(a time of quiet reflection)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say Thanks be to God.

"Trust and Obey" arr. L. Larson

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way. When we do his good will,
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.*





Psalm 23
“PREPARING A TABLE”
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HYMN 824
“THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST”

(remain seated & sing
~ v.1-women, v.2-men, all on v.3-& refrains)

A TIME OF PRAYER followed by *The Lord’s Prayer* (on the screen)

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH *(all read the bold)*

We are God’s work of art - each one a precious gem, a potter’s delight,
-woven together in love, shaped with compassion.

We are the Body of Jesus Christ - diverse in qualities but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are the Church of Jesus Christ - living in his truth, sharing his peace,
embodying his love throughout the world.

We gather here together to be reminded once more
who we are, whose we are, and of the place prepared for us.
Here to be uplifted and renewed, to live out the miracle of our faith.



***HYMN 803 “MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED”** *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

Join us for coffee & conversation in the fellowship hall following the service!
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)



Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church’s website at
www.wycliffepresbyterian.org

We welcome **Dr. Johnathan Spence**, violin, to worship today. A graduate of Cox High School and East Carolina University, he earned his doctorate in violin performance from the University of New York at Stony Brook and offers private lessons, studio classes, and a chamber concert series. His summer music camp will be hosted this coming August at Wycliffe, and his string quartet, Acis, will perform here September 28.

The chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God

by Mark Via in celebration of his birthday



Upcoming Week: March 16-22

TODAY: PCUSA OFFERING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

TODAY: BEACH BAG COLLECTION CONTINUES ~ *please put all donations in the donation room off the fellowship hall; lists are located in the narthex on the sideboard.*

TODAY: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 am (Zoom/room 209)

TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE at 9:30 am (music room)

TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 am (education wing)

TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS at 11 am (music room)

TODAY: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 am (room 108)

TODAY: ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON at 11 am (fellowship hall)

TUESDAY: LADIES LUNCH OUT at 12 pm (Bay Local - 1640 General Booth Blvd.)

WEDNESDAY: A SERVICE OF PRAYER & TAIZÉ at 7:15 pm (sanctuary)

THURSDAY: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at 3:30 pm (room 207)

THURSDAY: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm (Jenn McNeill's home)

NEXT SUNDAY: WYCLIFFE TALENT SHOW at 11:30 am (fellowship hall) ~ *there is still room for more acts, please sign up (E-news or signups in the narthex) by March 18.*

On the Horizon



March 24: Ladies Bunco Night at 6:30 pm (Cindy Sweezey's home)

March 26: Adult Small Group at 9:30 am (sanctuary)

April 5: Spring Church Work Day at 9 am (WPC)



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