



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

Worship begins with the prelude.

Please listen in silence as we prepare our hearts for the worship of God.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

"I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sylvia Goodyear

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

People: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

People: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

Leader: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

People: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

***HYMN #610**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison)

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is.

The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand.

The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain.

The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity.

Everything we have is a gift from you.

Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough?

Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry?

It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness.

Forgive us, we pray.

Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail.

Remind us that we are always in your loving care.

Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sylvia Goodyear

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Sylvia Goodyear

Page 134 OT/ Page 174 OT large print

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The choir and musicians sing praises to God on behalf of the congregation and their presentation of music is not intended to be a performance. The congregation is requested to refrain from clapping in response to the singing of the anthem and special music. An appropriate response, should you feel so moved, is to say, "Amen."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Thomas Kelly, 1804

Max White, Guitar and Vocals

1. Stricken, smitten and afflicted, see him dying on the tree 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord By his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress; Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great. Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

Page 88 NT / Page 114 NT large print

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SERMON

"Trust the Map"

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*HYMN #618

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

DEO GRACIAS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the Lord's Prayer (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...)

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Minute for Mission
Offertory**

One Great Hour of Sharing
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Sylvia Goodyear
KINGSFOLD

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING**

Hymn #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest)

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sylvia Goodyear

**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us
in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as it is in heaven;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

Sylvia Goodyear

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and
believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering
the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the
power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

***HYMN #462**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING SONG**

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig/Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***POSTLUDE**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHERE PONI