

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 14, 2021

9:00 am

*\*All who are able may stand.*

***Bold type spoken by the congregation.***

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

### GATHERING. . .

***MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.  
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.***

The Prelude *When I Look Over Jordan* arr. John M. Rasley

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *God So Loved the World* John Stanier

The Call to Worship (from *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*) Barry Jones, liturgist

Come from east and west, north and south!  
**From everywhere God has placed us, with everything God has given us,  
as the people God made us – we come.**  
Come, receive again the gift of grace!  
**Not for owning, not for boasting, but for celebrating – we come.**  
Come, discover again the way that leads to life!  
**Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be – we come.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**O God, You are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. We shall forever give thanks for the gift of Your grace. All Your works praise You in all places of Your dominion, and Your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior, therefore we praise You, blessed and holy trinity, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!*  
*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*  
*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below  
and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Covenant making God, You provide for us in many different ways, and yet we confess that we do not always recognize You at work in the world around us. We get impatient, wanting You to work on our schedule. We wish for something more or different than what You have offered. We want someone else to solve problems we have had a hand in creating. Forgive our foolish ways, our thoughtless words, our arrogant ignorance. Turn our eyes once again to You, and focus our hearts on Your way, that we may be faithful to Your promise ...(time for silent confession)... . We pray in the Name of the One Who is drawing all people to himself, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God did not send God's Son into the world to judge the world,  
**but that the world might be saved through him.**  
Rejoice in and believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(John 3:17)

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

\*The Peace and Greeting

**The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Numbers 21:4-9*

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

The Anthem

*My Soul Thirsteth for Thee*

Daniel Burton

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *John 3:14-21*

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

The Sermon

*Snakes in the Wilderness*  
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The *Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son,  
and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

*Recessional in a Gregorian Mode*

Henry Kihlken

**KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED  
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.**



**Nominating Committee:** Our Church's nominating committee has begun its work of nominating elders and deacons for election by the Congregation. If you sense that you may be called to serve in one of these positions or you know of someone you feel could be considered for service, please inform one of the committee members: Elder Beth Huber, Elder Adam Nelen, Deacon Susie Davis, Steve Eckel, Tristin Fidler, Debe Garrison, Mike Gibson, and Margaret Rowe.

### ***Birthdays this week March 14 - 21***

14. Beth Huber, Jacqui Nix
15. Sophie Sweet
17. Jo Anne Kinnamon, Jim Pates, Paul Travis
19. Suzi Ashby, Ed Foresman, McCray Fidler
20. Aaron Shirk, Chip Ellis, Ashley Raska
21. Jen Rowe, Pam Werner, Isla Wainwright



### ***Weekly Lenten Midday Service (Virtual)***

Each Wednesday noon throughout Lent Micah will host a virtual midday service online. Here is the link: <https://micahfredericksburg.org/4106-2/>

Preachers scheduled include:

- March 10 - Rev. Josh Hagstrom, Fredericksburg United Methodist
- March 17 - Rev. Will Dickinson, St. George's Episcopal
- March 24 - Rev. Chelsea Morse, Street Church



Valued Volunteers: Major League Baseball is bringing back **Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby** youth programs this spring and summer at Sunshine Ballpark on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to host the events. We'll employ COVID safety measures and thankfully the restrictions on outdoor gatherings are easing. All we need now is YOU! Please let Jim Toler know if you're willing to help out and what hours you're available. More information is available by emailing [jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com). Here are the details on the events. Please share the info with area baseball and softball leagues and parents of young players.

**Share a meal with your neighbors** - It's easy! You prepare 6 dinners, menu of your choice, and deliver the hot meals to the church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. on the March 20. Teams will deliver the meals to homeless Micah guests who are staying in local motels and to an outdoor pickup site. The takeout boxes are available in the Education Building Lobby or Karen Johnson will deliver them to you. Bakers are also needed to bake brownies, bagged 2 to a bag. Contact Karen Johnson to sign up or for more information: 540-621-5685 ([ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com)).



#### ***Youth Fellowship***

The **High School Youth Fellowship** will resume in-person gatherings beginning March 14. We will meet for a time of fellowship and study on the second and fourth Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please dress accordingly for the weather.

#### ***Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)***

##### ***Virtual Conversations in the Public Square Series, Sundays in Lent at 11:00 a.m.***

The topic of this year's Conversations in the Public Square Series is *Connecting with Creation: How is the Church called to Engage?* We hope you, along with your neighbors, will join us for these important conversations.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363943223?pwd=QmtmbExwNDIzL25sKOJOUjYtE1Jz09>

*March 14 – Jason Hayob-Matzke, Professor of Philosophy at University of Mary Washington*

This session will examine ways of imaging the human relationship to nature, while exploring the question: how can we move forward in a way that better enables solutions to arise to our current ecological crisis?

*March 21 – High School Youth*

In this session, some of our high school students will help us to determine our carbon footprint and explore ways to reduce our harm on the environment.

*March 28 – James Lockett*

This session will confront the question, how do our actions and decisions as a congregation tie us to the global web of life?

##### ***Creation Care and the Congregation***

*Sunday, 2:00 pm, led by James Lockett*

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83637373913?pwd=OE0zMOJkNnVSUIJVQ2k0SEpLNi9aUT09>

##### ***Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch***

*Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe*

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274047075>

**MLB Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby to make a comeback** After a year off, Major League Baseball's youth baseball skills events are coming back to the Fredericksburg area and ball fields across the nation. Area boys and girls are invited to participate in the free Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, 1200 Wicklow Dr., off Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg. Players may come anytime during the day and take part in one or both competitions. COVID precautions will be taken. These free events are sponsored by Sunshine Ballpark, Germanna Community College and the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg. For more information email [jimtoler4@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtoler4@yahoo.com).

For Pitch, Hit & Run, players ages 7-14 are divided into four age groups to test their baseball/softball skills. Age group winners may earn the chance to compete at Washington Nationals Park and ultimately at the MLB World Series. For general information, go to [PitchHitRun.com](http://PitchHitRun.com). Parents should register their players online at: <https://pitchhitrun2021.leagueapps.com/events/2011198>

The Jr. HR Derby is open to boys and girls 12U and 14U. For more information go to [JrHRD.com](http://JrHRD.com). Parents should register at: <http://jrhrd2021.leagueapps.com/events/2016040>.

**Support and connect** - For months, many of us have been missing our connections to fellow members. We have several church families that are facing challenging circumstances and preparing meals is a way we can support and ease their burden of care. If you are able to provide and/or deliver a meal, please contact the church office for more information.



**Volunteer videographers needed.** No experience required! Now that the CoViD spike is on the wane, we are again looking to expand our team of videographers that produce the live stream of the services in our Sanctuary for our YouTube channel. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for anyone who has an interest in broadcast video production.

Contact:

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Ed Foresman, [eforesm@gmail.com](mailto:eforesm@gmail.com), 540-207-1314;

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Dear Presbyterian Friends of Micah

For 73 days this year, Virginians sheltered in place under the Governor's "stay at home" order. But the reality for almost 200 neighbors within the Micah community was that they had no place in which to shelter.

Through the love of the churches, Micah committed to remaining a lighthouse in the storm – to securing emergency, socially-distanced motel rooms for our vulnerable neighbors. The doors of Micah Hospitality Center stayed open for showers, clean clothes, and other basic provisions. Thousands of hot meals were delivered.

Transitions into permanent housing (51 and counting) were expedited. And even a pandemic couldn't stop the creative ways Micah helped our neighbors increase their income. Battle buddies showed up, distributing cleaning supplies, masks, and hand sanitizers. The churches of Fredericksburg showed up, even if that meant gathering in a parking lot six feet apart.

Our prayer remains, if only for a season, that we get everyone off the street and no one has to return to the street. That all of our neighbors continue to experience the security and stability of shelter, and eventually a permanent home. That they don't just survive - they thrive.

**Here are some ways you can make an impact:**

\$15 provides a night of winter shelter for one person

\$25 buys a tent or sleeping bag

\$30 keeps someone in housing for day

\$45 keeps someone in a socially distanced shelter bed for a night

\$100 buys a night of respite care for a person recovering from a hospital visit

\$200 a day sparks the spiritual walk of new disciples

\$350 a day provides basic needs of people living on the street

\$900 covers the average rental deposit

Send your gift to the church office or donate online at [bit.ly/loveyourneighborow](https://bit.ly/loveyourneighborow).

For more information, visit [www.dolovewalk.net](http://www.dolovewalk.net)

Thank you for loving your neighbor!