

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

enfleshed, based on Psalm 23

God tenderly cares for us like a shepherd caring for her flock.

**She's an advocate for what we need—
clean water to drink, soft pastures to rest in.
Our souls are refreshed.**

God nudges us towards Paths of Life.

**Even when we go through unfamiliar valleys,
the love of the Faithful Shepherd guides us.**

God is like a grandmother setting a table with nourishing food.

God is like a body healer blessing our skin with oil.

Do you feel Her overflow of compassion?

**Surely grace and tenderness carry us through our days
and we are held in Divine Love no matter our circumstances.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND CANDLES FOR PEACE

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Helmut Walcha

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

John 9:1-41 NRSVUE

*HYMN # 547

“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

Verses 1-4

CALL TO CONFESSION

Thom Shuman

God longs for us to sit by the still waters of love, but we are too busy stirring up trouble with our actions, with our words, with our inability to be God's children. Let us bring our prayers to the One who will restore us with goodness and mercy, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Like Cinderella, Loving God, we sit in the ashes of our hopes, but you see us as your beloved children. We pay strict attention to all who break the rules, but ignore the grace which is poured out upon us. We try to box you in with boundaries we can manage, but you continue to burst forth to bring newness into the world.

Have mercy on us, God of forgiveness, and open our eyes to your presence among us. As you look at our hearts, may we see others in a different way, not as enemies or strangers, but sisters and brothers of the same family, kin to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us,
bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each person.

**Now we will go forth as God's children,
sent to bring the good news to everyone we meet. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Fruits of the Selfless Heart

Music: Elizabeth Atkinson

The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.

Text: Mother Theresa

The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 5:8-14 GNT

You yourselves used to be in the shadows, but since you have become the Lord's people, you are in the light.

So you must live like people who belong to the light, for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Try to learn what pleases God. Have nothing to do with the worthless things that people do, things that belong to the shadows. Instead, bring them out to the light. (It is really too shameful even to talk about the things they do in secret.)

And when all things are brought out to the light, then their true nature is clearly revealed; for anything that is clearly revealed becomes light. That is why it is said, "Wake up, sleeper, and rise from death, and Christ will shine on you."

REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford

*HYMN # 526

We Are marching in the Light of God
Siyahamb' ekehaneyen' kwenkhos'

SIYAHAMB'

We are marching in the light of God

We are dancing ... We are praying ... We are singing ...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Gracious God, Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN # 547

Amazing Grace, verse 5

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Dietrich Buxtehude

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICES

Liturgist	Trudy Diepholz
Pastor	Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Director of Music	Alonza Lawrence
Director of Children's Education	Sara McHenry
Interim Organist	Matthew Chiu
Worship Techs	Josh Harris, Lara Hebert, Paul Hixson

TO REACH ANY OF THE STAFF AT MCKINLEY

You can send an email to office@mckinleycu.org to reach anyone at McKinley Church or McKinley Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Information Update

CU Public Health Districts report the community level is low. Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.

Upcoming Palm Sunday Brunch

The annual McKinley Palm Sunday Lunch will be held in the Presby Dining Hall after worship on April 2nd. Mark your calendars and watch for details in future newsletters and bulletins.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side!

SAVE THE DATE! McKinley's Green Team invites you to join us on April 15 at 9 AM for an easy walk along the Rayburn-Purnell Trail. Cynthia and Clyde Sweet will be our guides as we locate and identify early spring natives growing at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve. More details to come

March Food Pantry Request

This month we are collecting peanut butter and tampons to be distributed at our Garden Hills Food Pantry. Donations may be delivered on weekdays to the McKinley desk or to church on Sunday mornings.

Jubilee Cafe Looking for Cooks

Interested in helping cook at Jubilee Cafe? They are looking to increase their pool of cooks. Times are Mondays, 2-5. Some kitchen experience is helpful but not required. They will teach volunteers about working in a commercial kitchen. For more information, email Johnell Bentz (johnell.bentz@gmail.com)

COMING UP!! Artist's Alley: Shadow & Light

March 30 through May 26 in the Foundation Building, more info to come!

Free Webinar Addressing Food Waste

This webinar will focus on how Houses of Worship can help reduce food waste, improve vulnerable communities' and individuals' access to fresh/healthier foods, and improve the environment. Information will be shared on how Houses of Worship can facilitate the effective donation of their congregation's personal/family garden's abundance of fresh healthy food to local food pantries to improve healthy food access for vulnerable individuals, families, and communities, whom they serve.

Date and Time: March 21, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM ET

Registration link: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_MFMzhdmiTrOyZY7ChfyeKw

Successful Stewardship Campaign - Pledging is Still Possible

The Stewardship drive is coming to an end and we wish to thank those who have completed pledge forms and made this campaign a success. The Session will be using these pledges as plans are made for the 2023-24 fiscal year.



If you are still planning to pledge, you may do so by mailing in your form, by completing a form on Sunday mornings at worship or by donating online at <https://3uqqm5ei79m.typeform.com/to/BdKYONN7>. It would be helpful if this could be done by the end of the month (March 31st) as the budget will be developed around the confirmed pledges.

Our theme this year was "Live Generously". McKinley members always carry this out impressively in gifts of both time and money which make possible our ministry to our own church, to our local community and beyond.

You are all appreciated!

HOW TO GIVE

Online pledges can be made here:
<https://bit.ly/McKinleyDonate>



YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:
MCKINLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
809 S. 5TH ST
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61820

You can also scan this QR code
with your phone and pay!



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS WEEK?

Sunday, March 19, 2023	10:30 AM	Worship Rev. Heidi Weatherford, preaching
Monday, March 20, 2023	11:30 AM	McKinley Staff Meeting
	5:45-7:00 PM	Compassion, Peace & Justice Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	5:15 PM	Come & See Wednesday Bible Study Hybrid Zoom/In-Person
	7:00-9:00 PM	Coffee & Conversation - 1001 S. Wright St, Champaign
	7:00-8:00 PM	McKinley Choir Practice
Thursday, March 23, 2023	12:00 PM	Green Team
	1:30-3:30	Rev. Heidi's office hours
Friday, March 24, 2023		Rev. Heidi Day Off
	5:00-9:00 PM	Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
Sunday, March 26, 2023	10:30 AM	Worship Rev. Heidi Weatherford, preaching

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith.

Offering genuine welcome,

Working for reconciliation, and

Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.



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