

**McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**10:30 AM March 17, 2024      Fifth Sunday in Lent**



Seed Resurrection, Frank Wesley

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

**We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.**

No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

**Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.**

We will reach out to our neighbors, our friends and family, even to strangers.

**Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.**

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on a Melody

*by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*  
*arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE PRELUDE

[Jesus said] Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. - John 12:24

We know that all our mothers bear us for pain and for death. O, what is that?  
But our true Mother Jesus, he alone bears us for joy and for endless life, blessed may he be.

-Julian of Norwich c.1342-c.1416, Revelations of Divine Love (ch.60)

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### INVITATION

*enfleshed*

adrienne maree brown asks:

“Are you actively practicing generosity and vulnerability in order to make the connections between you and others clear, open, available, durable? Generosity here means giving of what you have without strings or expectations attached. Vulnerability means showing your needs.”

We gather our light, our talents, and our offerings today with spirits of generosity and vulnerability.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*enfleshed*

**Generous and Tender God, bless our gathered resources towards durable connections with each other. Loosen the strings of expectation that vulnerability may flow between us. Fortify us for the practice and patience required to build new worlds. Surprise us with delight along the way. Amen.**

### VOLUNTARY

Salvation is Created

*by Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)*

*arr. by Nathaniel Brown*

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

### A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

John 12:20-26 The Message

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee:

**“Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?”**

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered,

**“Time’s up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Listen carefully:**


**Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal.**

**“If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you’ll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment’s notice. God will honor and reward anyone who serves me.**

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

## What Wondrous Love Is This 215

Dm C Dm C Dm Am



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B<sup>b</sup> Gm Am Em



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Fm Am C Dm Am C Dm



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*Thom Shuman*

If we would see Jesus, we must open our eyes to the ways we have not followed him as disciples. If we want God to create new hearts within us, we must speak of the old ways in which we continue to live. If we seek God's mercy, we must confess all that keeps us from living as God's children. Join me, as we come to the One who will forgive us.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Thom Shuman*

**O Heart which seeks our own: we yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are clogged with the foolishness of our lives, and often struggle to beat in rhythm with your own.**

**In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Steadfast Love. Write grace upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write mercy on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write hospitality upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even us. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Thom Shuman*

A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start: these are the gifts our God gives to us. Through God, we are cleansed; through God, we are healed; Through God, we become new people. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE OF THE PEACE      May the peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

Micah 6

Naomi Jakobsson

What does the Lord require of you?  
Love kindness, Seek justice, Walk humbly with your God!

## A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:30-34 NRSVUE

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:

**I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.**



Meu Coracao/My Heart, Amanda Vivan, Flickr Creative Commons

## REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford

*Refrain*

F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$  *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: *Gracious God, Hear our prayers*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

O Thou of God the Father

BWV 601 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Assisting in Today's Service

Liturgist, Trudy Diepholz  
Pastor, Rev. Heidi Weatherford  
Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry  
Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence  
Organist, Andrew Woodruff  
Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

**How to Contact the Church Staff** All church staff can be contacted through the McKinley Website:  
[www.mckinleycu.org](http://www.mckinleycu.org).

#### How to give:

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at [tithe.ly/give?c=2133263](https://tithe.ly/give?c=2133263)

Or by mailing your donations to

"McKinley Presbyterian Church"

410 E. Daniel Street

Champaign, IL 61820



#### **Holy Week Services:**

March 28 time tbd, *Maundy Thursday Service*,

March 31, 6:30am, *Easter Sunrise Service*, at the labyrinth on 5<sup>th</sup> St, next to the church

March 31, 10:30am, *Easter Liberation Celebration Service*

## Coming this Week:

<b>Today, March 17, 2024</b>	11:40am	Let Light Shine: Stewardship Bagels and Conversation after worship
<b>Monday, March 18, 2024</b>	11:30am 1-3pm 6-8pm	Staff Meeting Pastor Heidi's Office Hours Coordinating Council
<b>Tuesday, March 19, 2024</b>	9:15am 11:00am 12 noon	Coffee and Conversation Buildings and Grounds Communications and Outreach
<b>Wednesday, March 20, 2024</b>	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Thursday, March 21, 2024</b>	12:05pm	Personnel Committee
<b>Friday, March 22, 2024</b>	5-9 pm	Rev. Heidi Day Off Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
<b>Saturday, March 23, 2024</b>	10am ??pm	Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois meets Brandon Young-Eleazar Conducting Recital, McKinley Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, March 24, 2024</b>	10:30am	Palm and Passion Sunday Worship Service Palm Sunday Brunch

**Easter Flowers Available for Order Now** You can order your Easter Flowers this week with the forms located at the back of the church. Please make sure to fill out the form and include it in the church offering box with your payment. You can also go online with Tithe.ly and make your payment, click on Easter flowers, put your information in the memo line there, and mark the order form that you have paid via Tithe.ly at the top of the form.

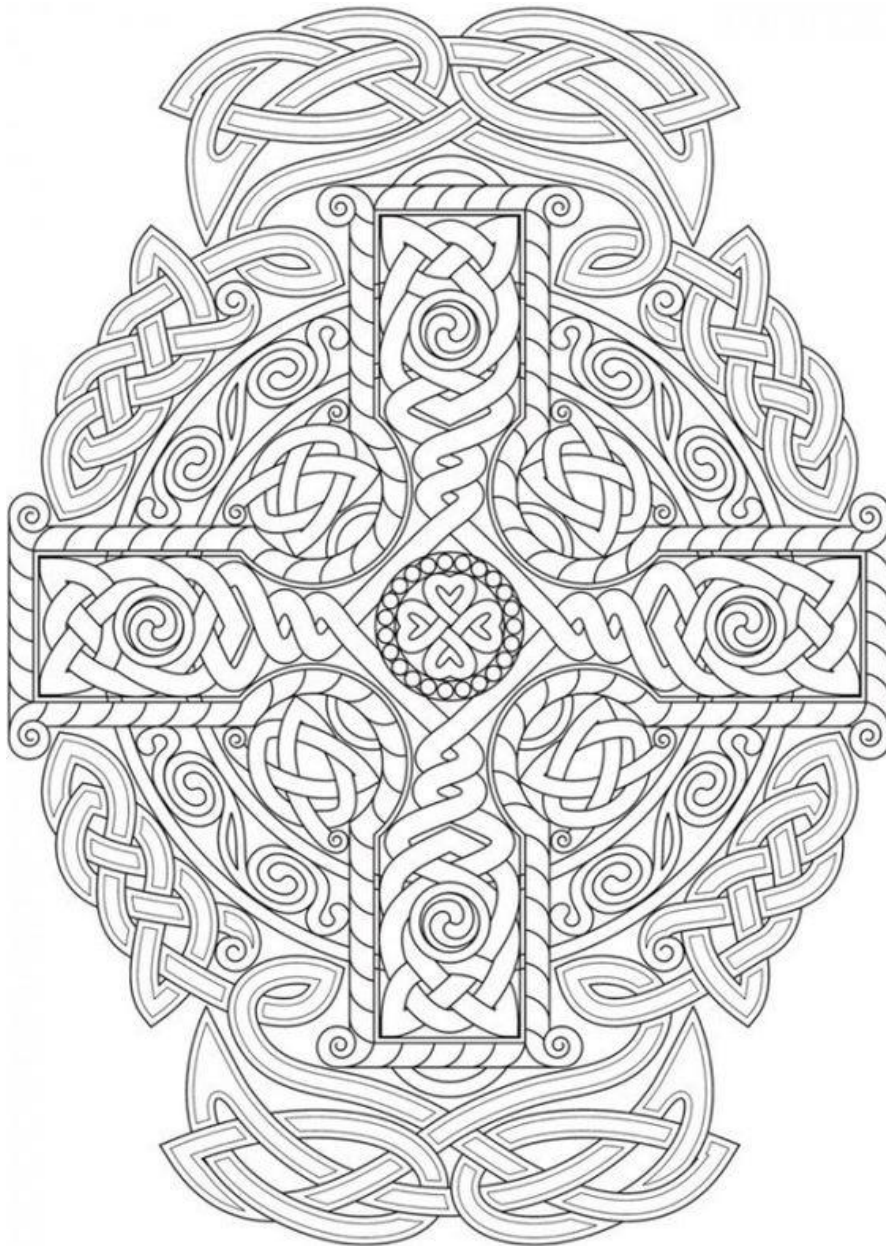
**One Great Hour of Sharing** Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Watch for details on how you can participate in this effort.

**Save Your Newspapers for McKinley Kids Service Project!** McKinley children and youth will be doing a service project for the Humane Society on April 7. In order to complete this project, we need newspaper! If you get a daily or weekly paper, please consider saving it for us. Starting this Sunday, February 18 there will be a box on the back pew of church to put your newspapers. If you have papers and are not able to bring them to church on a Sunday please contact Sara McHenry at [sara@mckinleycu.org](mailto:sara@mckinleycu.org) to set up a way for us to get your newspapers. Thanks for your continued support of our McKinley kids!

**Coffee and Conversation** McKinley retirees and any others who wish to join us will be meeting at 9:15 am this coming Tuesday, March 19, at the Kinship Coffee House in the McKinley Foundation. Half-price beverages from Kinship and pastries will be available. Come join us for some stimulating conversation and good company!

**Palm Sunday Brunch** Join us in the Presby Dining Hall as we begin Holy Week with a Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24th after worship. If you are able, please bring a dish (salad, fruit or sweet bread) to share.

**People News** Kay Bridgeford has returned home to Brookdale after a short hospital visit and is doing well. Nancy Stagg also had a hospital stay for a bone fracture. She will be residing at Accolade Healthcare of Savoy for several weeks as she prepares to return home. Cards may be completed for Nancy at the back of church on Sundays and will be delivered by the care team. If you wish to send a message to her directly, the address is Accolade Healthcare of Savoy, 302 Burwash, Savoy, IL 61874 Room 120 A.



God of walking sticks and bells, little shamrocks and big ideas, thank you for Patrick. Let us remember him not only for his sake, but most of all for your sake, and for the sake of your good and brilliant green creation. Grant us the patience to trust the work you have given us, so that it might take root, grow, and bloom. Grant us the dignity and clarity of a simple, iron bell. Grant us new eyes to see your creation afresh, out on the horizon but also down around our feet, where great mysteries dwell nearby, hidden in the grass. For we are all your sheep, and you, our good shepherd. In Jesus' name, Amen. (from SALT)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
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PEOPLES**

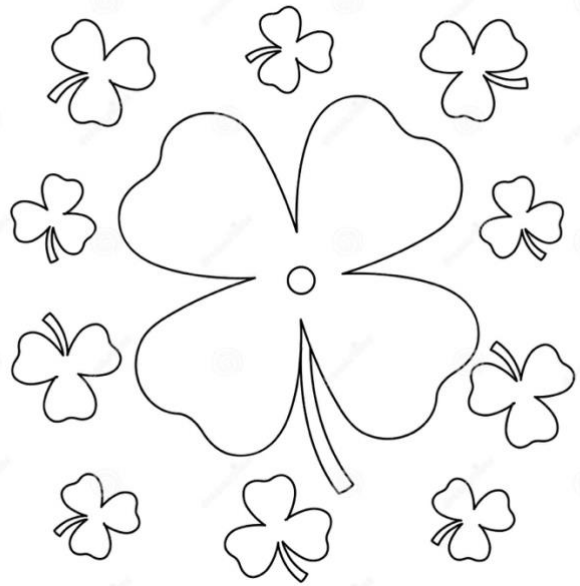
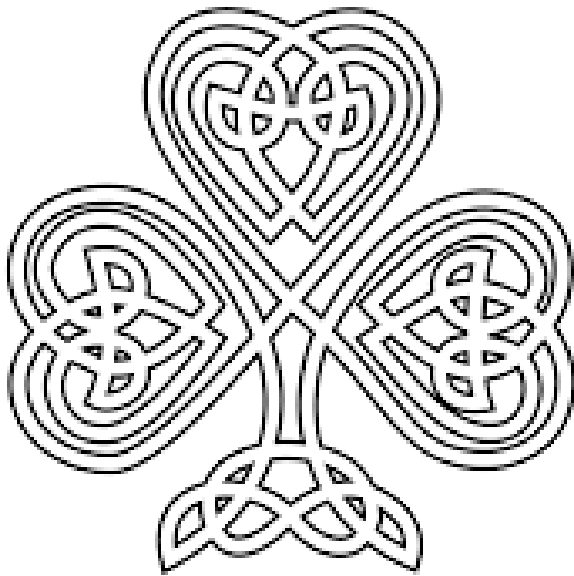
*(An act towards  
reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

**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.**



**St. Patrick's Shamrock** The Christian idea of the divine Trinity — God's simultaneous threeness and oneness as Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit — has always been a great challenge for preachers to grasp and explain. St. Patrick did it this way: he looked around, and then plucked a shamrock from the ground at his feet. Three leaves, he said, and yet one stem, one life. Add to that the shamrock's vibrant shade of green, the color of growth and vitality — and while it's easy to imagine a more technical, lengthy explanation of the Trinity, it's hard to imagine a better one. (from SALT)