

Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer Service

March 1, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

Rev. Wes Allen

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*HYMN NO. 361 (verses 1-2)

An Evening Prayer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Allen

O Christ,
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
You are our eternal hope;
a light in the midst of darkness,
a guide to our path.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,
you have taken away our sins.

On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions
and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death,
source of all comfort,
our life and our resurrection,
our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,
hope of all who die for you,
and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

continued

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace. **Amen.**

Psalm 18:1-6; 27-30 (*Pew Bible p. 497 OT*)

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A time of silence for meditation and prayer

PSALM PRAYER

O God, guardian and guide of all your people, protect and lead us through times of trouble, establishing our faith on the rock of Jesus Christ, who alone is the way, the truth and the life. **Amen.**

Proverbs 4:10-27 (*Pew Bible p. 587 OT*)

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

TESTIMONY

Doug Sell

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

Rev. Allen

After each category, anyone may offer a name or a short prayer for those whom the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Each petition will end with these words:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

*HYMN NO. 359 (verses 1-2)

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

*SENDING BLESSING (Philippians 4:7)

Rev. Allen

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

**Those who are able please stand.*

Pianist: Becca Neindorff

Audio Technician: Harris Ransom

Lent Opportunities

Wednesday Lenten Prayer Service – 6:30 pm Sanctuary

Wednesdays in Lent: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lent Resource Guide

Pick up a copy of our *2023 Lent Resource Guide* at church or download a copy from our eblast, website or event page for a complete listing of Lent and Holy Week events, worship opportunities, Bible studies and more.

Praying the Bible with Stuart Spencer

Thursdays in Lent, Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom *Lectio Divina* from 6:30-7:00 pm on **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. No sign up needed. Learn more at <https://pray-as-you-go.org> and watch for the Zoom link. Praying the Bible or *Lectio Divina*, is an ancient form of contemplative prayer. *Lectio Divina* or sacred reading is a way to pray by using the worlds of the Bible.

Lent Devotional: “Water and Spirit” (\$4)

As a beautiful companion piece to the Lenten study, *Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers. You can purchase your copy online with Amazon, [any Christian bookseller](#) or through the church office, which has a limited quantity for \$4.00. Please reach out to [Alison Mackey](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113.

Easter Flowers

This year, remember loved ones by purchasing spring flowers (\$15) to be placed in our worship spaces on Easter April 9. [Order forms](#) are available in *Connections* **March 5, 12 and 19th** and are available online. Please mail your payment or drop in the offering plate. **Orders are DUE by Sunday, March 19.** Take plants home or donate to our homebound members.

Holy Week Worship

- Maundy Thursday Worship: April 6 (7:00 pm, Miller Commons)
- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship: April 7 (7:30 pm, Sanctuary)
- Easter Worship: April 9 (6:30 am Sunrise, 8:30 am Traditional, 11:00 am Contemporary)

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Light in the Darkness

*To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.*

Psalm 139: 12

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