Lord’s Day, March 26, 2023

Communion Sunday/ 5th Sunday in Lent

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate Mark 1:14b-15 ESV

*“…Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’.”*

Welcome/Announcements Steve Maddox

Ministry Minute VBS Brian Duty

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. 21:22-27

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Behold Him*

*What He’s Done*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 13

Q.33. Why is he called God’s “only Son” when we also are God’s children?

**A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God – adopted by grace through Christ.**

Q.34. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

**A. Because – not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood – he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

\*The Confession of Sin (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon 2 Cor. 5:17-18, 21

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**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.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Scripture Luke 24:44-47 p. 1052

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Sermon “Understanding the Journey to the Cross: Response”

\*Hymn #501 “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (vv. 1-4)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #500 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of March 27 – March 31**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today. 3/26 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

4/2 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

4/9 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

4/16 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**4/2 Alan and Jeff**

**4/7 Zach and Andrew**

**4/9 Melissa and Patrick**

**4/16 Ronnie and Sam**

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**BLOOD DRIVE DONORS NEEDED**

The Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at LRPC on Friday April 21, from 1:00 -6:00 p.m. In addition to donating blood yourself, please invite others to donate as well. You can schedule an appointment by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), clicking “Make an Appointment,” and then scrolling down to locate Loch Raven Presbyterian Church); or you can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

12:30 p.m. **VBS Interest Meeting**

**Monday, March 27, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO group**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

11:45 a.m. **Lenten Luncheon**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL**

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study** *Spiritual Disciplines…*

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *Acts*

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team**

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

9:00 a.m. **Spring Clean-Up Day**

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith*  Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**(see insert)**

**PRAYING FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD: ENGAGING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

We encourage you to continue praying for the Muslim World, especially during Ramadan, the 30 days from March 18 to April 17, when they are focused on fasting and religious observation.

**Church News**​

**VBS 2023: JULY 10th -14th – VBS INTEREST MEETING**

Today, immediately following the sanctuary chair relocation, there will be a brief meeting in Room 203 for anyone interested in serving at, or just learning more about, our VBS program for this summer. Please contact Brian Duty with any questions.

**YOUTH FOR CHRIST FUNDRAISER**

**Metro Maryland Youth for Christ** will be holding their annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. at Martin’s West. The guest speaker will be Terry Crews and the musical guest Tasha Layton.

We are seeking sponsors, table hosts, and guests.  If you are interested in sponsoring or attending this informative celebration of how God is working to disciple kids 11-19 years old, please reach out to George Considine at [George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com](mailto:George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com)  or call 410-663-2450.

**TRUSTEES’ SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

Mark your calendars! The trustees are planning a workday for the morning of Saturday, April 1. More information on specific projects to come. Talk to Jeff Oskamp if you have any questions.

**2023 EASTER EGG HUNT – FILL ‘ER UP!**

Plans are underway for the 2023 Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the worship service.  If you would like to contribute, please take a bag from the table in the lobby (already filled with 25 plastic eggs), fill ‘er up at home, and return by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.  Feel free to fill with small candy, stickers, or even your loose change!  Thank you for your help!

**Confession of Sin**

**Heavenly Father,**

**If we deeply understood the cross, gratitude and love for Christ would daily control our thoughts and actions. We are new creations, but we are still great sinners, and this confuses and discourages us. Instead of marveling at your love for weak and sinful creatures, we try to hide our sin and reform ourselves. Rather than seeing each other as gloriously redeemed people, we focus on the weaknesses of others and magnify our own strengths. We spend our days alienated from you and isolated from others, because we reject your sacrifice for our sin and try to substitute our own. We have turned away from you and loved our idols instead, and we have been miserable with ourselves and with others. Instead of living for Christ and calling others to admire and adore him, we have lived small lives that have been governed by our own feelings and desires. Father, forgive us.**

**Jesus, thank you for living the life of grace and mercy that we should live, reconciling your people to one another and to God.**

**Holy Spirit, help us to think about Jesus whenever our thoughts turn carelessly to self-defense, self-pity, self-glory, and self-condemnation. Take our eyes away from the good and bad things that our hands have done and show us the nail-pierced hands of the one who obeyed and suffered to pay our debt. Teach us to rest in Christ and make us people who graciously lead others to find rest and peace in him and with one another. Amen.**

Adapted from Duguid, Barbara; Houk, Wayne. *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration* (p. 172). P&R Publishing. Kindle Edition.