

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Ecumenical Service
March 20, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Participants

Rev. Richard Hotchkin—First Congregational UCC

Rev. Rob Nystrom—First United Methodist

Rev. Tom Orth—Grace Lutheran

Rev. Bill Rayment—First Presbyterian

Deacon Dan Maxwell—Trinity Episcopal

Rev. John Shipman—St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Janice Miller—Certified Ministerial Candidate—First United Methodist

Organist —Marvis McNeil

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

BLESSING

REV. JOHN SHIPMAN

Pastor: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Now the Day Is Over”

(Red) #570

DISMISSAL

REV. JOHN SHIPMAN

Leader: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Below is the remaining schedule of services:

Ecumenical Lenten Schedule 2024

The Maundy Thursday service on March 28th will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church at 7:00 p.m. A Soup Supper will precede the service at 6:00 p.m.

The Good Friday Tre Ore on March 29th will be held at First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m.



Ecumenical Lenten Service

March 20, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Gathering and Welcome

REV. JOHN SHIPMAN

GATHERING SONG

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

(Red) #520

GREETING *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 26:1-4

REV. BOB NYSTROM

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (READ RESPONSIVELY)

REV. BOB NYSTROM

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:20-27

JANICE MILLER

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them. ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Peace We Receive from Jesus”

JANICE MILLER

Certified Ministerial Candidate

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

(Red) #335

APOSTLES’ CREED

REV. WILLIAM RAYMENT

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
*UNIVERSAL

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

REV. WILLIAM RAYMENT

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING—(The offering is being given to the Friendship Room and Hope Shores Alliance—Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

OFFERING PRAYER

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

We give you thanks O Lord for all who labor in your vineyard and for their time, talents and gifts we bring today We ask that you bless the fruits of our work. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, as we glorify the name of Jesus. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.