

**Sewickley United Methodist Church**  
**March 10, 2024**



**Order of Worship  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE ..... "Grazioso"  
Arnold B. Sherman..... Clocktower Ringers

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On our worst days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: On our best days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: When life is consistent,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: And when life turns on its head,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**People: God is good. God is here. God is love.**

Leader: Hold tight to that good news and let's worship God!

\*OPENING HYMN..... "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"  
Augustus M. Toplady & Thomas Hastings ..... No. 361 (v 1, 2, 3 & 4)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's commands; could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTROIT..... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
arr. by Frances L. Callahan..... Clocktower Ringers

\*Please stand in body or in Spirit

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. <sup>3</sup> For he has gathered the exiles from many lands, from east and west, from north and south.

<sup>17</sup> Some were fools; they rebelled and suffered for their sins. <sup>18</sup> They couldn't stand the thought of food, and they were knocking on death's door. <sup>19</sup> "Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. <sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death.

<sup>21</sup> Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. <sup>22</sup> Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and sing joyfully about his glorious acts.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God;

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD ..... "Be Still My Soul"

Katharina von Schlegel, Jane Borthwick & Jean Sibelius ..... No. 534 (v 1, 2, & 3)

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ..... "Be Still and Know"

arr. by Douglas Wagner ..... Clocktower Ringers

\*DOXOLOGY ..... No. 95

\*PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE ..... "Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It"

\*PARTING HYMN ..... "Now Thank We All Our God"

Martin Rinkart, Catherine Winkworth, Johann Cruger & Felix Mendelssohn ..... No. 102 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God’s voice deep within, saying, “Take heart, it is I, be not afraid.” You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

- BENEDICTION RESPONSE ..... “Into the Woods My Master Went”  
 arr. by Frances L. Callahan ..... Clocktower Ringers
- POSTLUDE ..... Erik Kolodziej

**TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS**

- PASTOR..... Rev. Hannah M. Loughman  
 LITURGIST ..... Martha Boward  
 MUSIC ..... Erik Kolodziej  
 CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR ..... Kelly Herman  
 A/V ..... Ginny Heinzl and Kelly Apple  
 NURSERY ..... Amanda Pelphrey  
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Rachel Loudermilk and Andrea Lewis  
 USHERS ..... Debbie and Joe Consoli