

Sewickley United Methodist Church

March 3, 2024



**Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

PRELUDE.....“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr. By Martha L Thompson Jr. Clocktower Ringers

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST & GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: If you ask the sky who God is,

People: the sky will tell you of God’s reach.

Leader: If you ask the day who God is,

People: the sun will tell you of God’s warmth.

Leader: If you ask the night who God is,

People: the moon will tell you of God’s comfort.

Leader: “The heavens are telling the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

People: We are listening! We will sing of God’s glory.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven & arr. By Edward Hodges.....No. 89 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2) All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC "God Will Make A Way"
Don Moen Rainbow Ringers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTROIT "Thy Word"
Michael W Smith Rainbow Ringers

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 19

¹ The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. ⁵ It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. ⁶ The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. ⁷ The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. ⁹ Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. ¹¹ They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. ¹² How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. ¹³ Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "How Great Thou Art"
Stuart K Hine No. 77 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1) O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *[Refrain]*

3) And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *[Refrain]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Conrad Kocher Jr. Clocktower Ringers
..... Nora Mae Macel on violin

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE "Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PASTOR.....	Rev. Hannah M. Loughman
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USHERS.....	Debbie and Joe Consoli