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WELCOME

LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE Readers **Brenda & Kevin Losey**
Fourth Week of Lent

Two purple and one pink candle will be lit prior to service

Reader 1:

In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering that life was brought forth from the ground in our creation, and that new life for one man was created when Jesus took mud from the ground and made a blind man see. As his eyes were opened for the first time, so our eyes are opened to the need for hope and healing in our world.

Reader 2:

We extinguish this pink candle on this fourth Sunday of Lent, remembering God's promise for all of us, new life here on earth, and eternal life hereafter.

Together we pray:

As the days lengthen, dear God, may we remember that it is you who gives us new life on earth, that we might know your love and peace, and share your love with the world. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

One: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

ALL: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

ALL: 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.

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

**ALL: 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able

HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful” #267

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,

All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful:

The Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,

Each little bird that sings:

God made their glowing colors,

God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,

The river running by,

The sunset, and the morning

That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,

The pleasant summer sun,

The ripe fruits in the garden,

God made them every one. (Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,

And lips that we might tell

How great is God Almighty,

Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear LORD of all people, we admit that we have sinned against YOU and against others. Forgive us when we hurt another's feelings. Forgive us when another feels put down by our attitude or words. Forgive us when our anger demeans another. Forgive us when we fail to forgive others. Forgive us when we fail to forgive ourselves. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. We say, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Thank YOU dear LORD!
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *"The Lord is My Shepherd"*

SCRIPTURE I Samuel 15:20-23

²⁰ Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹ But from the spoil the people took sheep and cattle, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal." ²² And Samuel said,

"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as in obedience to the voice of the Lord?

Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice
and to heed than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is no less a sin than divination,
and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
he has also rejected you from being king."

SERMON "What's Important?!"

Please stand if you are able

HYMN “Eternal Father Strong to Save” #562

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**2 O Savior, whose almighty word
The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

**4 O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

**Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace**

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN "More Love to Thee O Christ" #359

**1 More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!**

2 Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

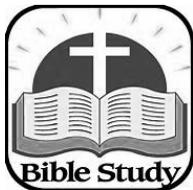
FELLOWSHIP

Sue Dykstra
Lee Fearnside
Roger Sheldon
Debi Singer



Those who have lost their lives in the war in Iran.

The Jewish Community in metro Detroit,
especially the Community of Temple Israel.
As members of the Presbytery of Detroit, we
stand together with our Jewish neighbors in this
time of fear and grief.



Sunday
Mornings
9 – 9:45



Thursdays
10:30 am

<p align="center">Offering Counters</p> <p>TODAY Barb Fochtman, Brenda Losey</p>	<p align="center">Lenten Readers</p> <p>Next Week 3/22 Marsha & Phil Larson</p>		
<div data-bbox="185 240 297 367" data-label="Image"> </div> <p align="center">ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING</p> <p align="center">Called to do our part to advocate for justice</p> <p align="center">Share your gift on March 29 & April 5</p>	<div data-bbox="747 245 951 440" data-label="Image"> </div> <p align="center">Happy Anniversary</p> <p align="center">John & Marsha Hiller</p>		
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