

ORDER OF SERVICE

5th Sunday in Lent

April 6th, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

Living Faith: Relationships

Prelude "Zurich Sea"
by Adrian Carr from *The Album Release*.

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit "I Will Call Upon the Lord"
Words & Music by Michael O'Shields

Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.
We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."
May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

***Hymn** "How Firm A Foundation" #463

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our own gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** #581
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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 pg. 672-673

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
Words by R.H. McDaniel,
Music by Charles H. Gabriel

Second Reading John 12:1-8 pg. 106

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "I Am Doing a New Thing" Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

***Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #223

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"
Words & Music by Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus

***Doxology** #606
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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

Communion

Apostles' Creed

Pg. 17 of Hymnal

Prayers of the People

The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Prayer Response

"Amen"

Musical Setting by Théodore Dubois

***Hymn**

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

#31

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"Open Our Eyes"

Words & Music by Bob Cull

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



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Happy Birthday!

Celeste d'Avignon	4/8	Hailey Moore	4/14
Alan Walker	4/19	Karen Merrill	4/23
Keith Porter	4/25	Peg Myers	4/26
Ruth Hollis	4/28	David Carpenter	4/30



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PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of April 6th, 2025

Alan & Jackie Walker

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family

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John Mazur

Family of Rudy Brouwer

Donna Corodimas

Steven Masten

Tammy

Phil Favreau

Diane

Punki Duhaime

Joy Mazur

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Zaidee Laughlin

USHERS: Kerry & Bill Haley

FELLOWSHIP:

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Carl Payne

Worship Leaders

Apr 13- Kerry Haley
Apr 20- Angela Snook

Fellowship time

Apr 13-Y&E Pretzels
Apr 20- The Pomerance Family

Ushers

Apr 13- Terri Mahoney
Apr 20- Jim & Angela Snook

Zoom Coordinator

April 13- Carl Payne
Apr 20- Jennie Booth

Fellowship Time

If you would like to host ***Fellowship Time***, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

Seeding Spring Intentions Yoga Classes

Our *Seeding Spring Intentions* Yoga Classes begin tomorrow at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Admission is \$10. Come sow the seeds of change you'd like to make during spring on April 7th, 21st, and 28th.

Palm Sunday Pretzels

In keeping with our Palm Sunday tradition, The Youth and Education Council will be making pretzels during the second half of the church service *next Sunday*, April 13th, 2025.

Legend has it that a 7th century monk created pretzels to resemble a child's arms in prayer- with the three sections representing the Holy Trinity. Join us at coffee fellowship following worship to enjoy these meaningful treats on Palm Sunday!

Confirmation Classes

We will be holding Confirmation Classes during the Spring! Confirmation Class will continue on Palm Sunday, April 13th, from 11:15 to 12:15 in the Memorial Room. These classes will be held on April 13th, May 4th, June 1st, and June 8th.

Sunday, Apr 6:	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Adult Church School Worship Service
Monday, Apr 7:	5:00 pm	Yoga Class
Tuesday, Apr 8:	10:30 am Noon 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study AA Meeting Knit'n'Twit Lenten Book Study
Wednesday, Apr 9:	1:45pm 7:00pm	Parkinsons Support Group Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Apr 10:	9:15am Noon 6:00pm	Quilting Group AA Meeting Choir practice
Sunday, Apr 13:	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Adult Church School Worship Service Confirmation Class