



**seeking:**  
*Will you give  
me a drink?*

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MARCH 19, 2023, 10:30 AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Heather Sorenson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alain Richardson

Scripture is full of questions...

**Where are you?**

Am I my brother's keeper?

**Whom shall I send?**

Who do you say that I am?

**Who sinned?**

How many times shall I forgive?

**If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Scripture is full of questions,

so just like those in our scriptures,

may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

**Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.**

† *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**      *They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love*      **Hymn 300**

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Who here has sinned?

**We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand.**

**We ignored people in need.**

**We make false assumptions and fail to be kind.**

**We are in need of forgiveness.**

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

**Have you sinned?**

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      Gloria Patri      **Hymn 581**

## **THE WORD**

**A TIME OF WONDER**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

**John 9:13-23**

**SECOND READING**

**John 9:35-41**

**SERMON**

“Who sinned?”

Rev. Emily Cooper



**HYMN**

*Healer of our Every Ill*

**Hymn 795**



**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a merciful God,  
**a God who does not keep score,  
a God who wants good for us.**  
We believe in a creative God,  
**a God who would heal with mud,  
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.**  
We believe in a saving God,  
**a God who heals,  
a God who greets our questions with patience,  
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**  
What wondrous love is this. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*Please place your offering in the tray at the back of the sanctuary  
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at [www.glenshawchurch.org](http://www.glenshawchurch.org).*

**OFFERTORY**

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*  
Chancel Choir

John Purifoy



**DOXOLOGY**

**Hymn 606**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Hymnal Page 35**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **SENDING HYMN**      *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*      **Hymn 775**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.

**Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.**

**Seek the good in every person you pass.**

**Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.**

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**      *Healer of our Every Ill*      arr. Jeffrey Honoré

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of god in loving memory of brother, **Russell Dubbs'** birthday (03/22) given by Laura Davidson.

### LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

**VISITORS**, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad to have you worship with us!

**WE RECORD OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE.** We invite each member of your family in attendance to sign the friendship pad at the end of each pew. We are glad to have you worship with us!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **FILL-A-TRUCK**

### **Palm Sunday- April 2nd**

Please support the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna by donating nonperishable food, home, and hygiene products at our annual drive-thru collection. Some suggestions of needed items are canned or jarred goods of all categories, cereals, boxed potatoes, rice, pasta, baking ingredients, condiments, beverages, crackers, paper products, baby diapers, cleaning products, and cat and dog food. Monetary gifts made out to GPC with a notation to the BOLFP are also very welcomed! Deacons will be receiving your contributions from 8:00 - 10:30 and 11:30 - noon at the portico on the Pennsylvania Ave. side of the church. During the worship service (10:30 – 11:30) you may leave any donations in the designated boxes. Let's see if we can fill a truck and a van to the brim this year with our generous donations to our neighbors in Etna! Thank you!

## **THE KENTUCKY DERBY WOMEN'S TEA**

### **hosted by the Deacons**

May 6th will be here before we know it! Save the date for the Kentucky Derby themed Southern Tea in the church parlor. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and will begin at 11:30 a.m. running through 1:30 p.m. You will want to don that beautiful exquisite hat while enjoying tea sandwiches, scones, sweets for dessert, and of course TEA! Suggested donations for the event are \$20 per adult and \$10 for children through age 16. We will begin taking reservations very soon so until then, invite all your sisters, grandmas, grandchildren, nieces, and or friends in your life to join you for TEA! Be watching for further details!

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

We are offering tête-à-tête daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, mums, and azaleas to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning. The cost of each flower is designated below and the deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 26.**

Azalea 6" pot - \$8.00 each

Mum 6" pot - \$7.00 each

Tête-à-tête daffodil, Hyacinth,

or Tulip 6" pot - \$6.00 each

Tête-à-tête daffodil 3" pot - \$3.00 each

To place an order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex and return it to the church office including payment for the flowers. Please pick up your Easter flower(s) immediately after the service on Easter morning.

## **DONATE TO THE GPC EARLY LEARNING CENTER THROUGH UNITED WAY**

Dear GPC Members,

Every day dozens of parents for trust us with their children and we feel truly honored to have them in our Center. Last year the United Way added the Early Learning Center as an agency to accept donations. If you contribute to the United Way, you can now designate your contribution to the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center. The code for the ELC is 17905449. Thank you for considering this. All funds received will be used to buy supplies, toys, etc. for the children.

Respectfully,  
Fawn Pignoli  
GPC ELC Director

## **NEWS FROM THE DEACONS**

Is it time for your spring cleaning? Do you have any unwanted treasures? The Deacons are planning our second outside flea market set for **July 15th** to raise funds for our ongoing mission work. You will be able to purchase a space to sell your own items, but if you do not care to do that, you may participate by donating your things to the Deacon's sale tables. We are now collecting any household items. You may bring them to the designated tables in the basement of the church in the bowling alley. Please note we are not collecting any clothing! Contact Kathy Luft or Diana Long with any questions and we thank you!!

**PER CAPITA** for 2023 is \$35.70

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

We are now accepting orders for chancel flowers to brighten our sanctuary during our Sunday services. The cost to sponsor both arrangements dedicated to a loved one, to the Glory of God, or any dedication so desired each week is \$55. **To order flowers, please contact Jennifer in the church office** by calling 412-486-8400 ext. 110 or emailing [jennifer@glenshawchurch.org](mailto:jennifer@glenshawchurch.org) by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRIST CANDLES**

Parents and grandparents please have your children look for the Christ candle near the activity bags. They can light their own tea candle and place it with the larger one.

# **THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **TODAY**

### **March 19, 2023— Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

## **TUESDAY**

### **March 21, 2023**

- 11:00 AM Shaler Garden Club
- 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 6:30 PM Session Meeting in the Parlor

## **THURSDAY**

### **March 23, 2023**

- 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **SUNDAY**

### **March 26, 2023— Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

### **GPC OFFICE HOURS :**

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcoming all who seek to know God,  
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church invites  
individuals and families to join in our  
journey of faith as we share the love of  
Jesus Christ with one another, the  
community, and the world.



### **The GPC Session**

Sherry Martin, Clerk of Session

#### **Class of 2023**

Ann Carlson  
Betty Miller  
Bruce Raines  
Deb Vita

#### **Class of 2024**

Alain Richardson  
Brian Helfferich  
April Klein  
Chick Pfeiffer

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Alan Cridge  
Mark Held  
Sherry Martin  
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