

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

P: We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.

L: No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

P: Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

L: We will reach out to our neighbors, our friends and family, even to strangers.

P: Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.

Opening Hymn #61 – O come and sing unto the Lord

Prayers of Approach, Confession, Hymn #201, The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

ALL: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; Great is your faithfulness, O Lord. Great is your faithfulness.

Music Ministry

Family Focus/Children's Time

Hymn #435 - All things bright and beautiful.

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm 40 (NRSV)

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

P: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

L: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

P: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

L: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

P: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

P: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

L: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

P: For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

L: Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

P: Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt.

L: Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

P: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

L: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each

other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Reading: John 12:27-32 (NRSV)

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine." ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself."

Message: THE WAY OF THE CROSS – THE WAY OF PEACE

Hymn # 489 – Help us to help each other, Lord

Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn # 730 – O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways.

Benediction and Benediction song: Go now in peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church *Mar. 17, 2024*



Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser

Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service this morning.
- Please contact Rev. Kathy (226-222-9165 or kafraser001@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit at home or in the hospital.
- Soup & Sandwich after church today – all welcome
- Wed Mar 20 7:15pm: Board of Managers at church

Upcoming Services:

- Mar. 24: Palm Sunday service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- Mar. 29 at 10 am: Combined Good Friday service at Lucknow P.C. led by Annette Proconier
- Mar. 31: Easter Sunday service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser – continental breakfast to start at 9:30 – donations to Sleeping Children Around the World