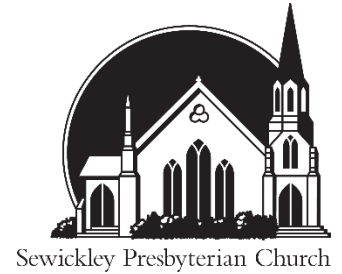


Order of Worship | April 28, 2024

11 AM



Prelude

Allemande from Partita no. 4

Introit

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-2;21

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Many: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

Many: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

One: for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #610

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Eutaxia, 1855

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, by reason of our many sins and our wickedness. If you dealt with us according to what we deserve, we would be unworthy to receive grace or mercy at your hands. For we have sinned, O Lord, against you. We ask you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to forgive us our sins. Send your Spirit, O God, to take such full possession of our hearts, that our actions and words may be guided by your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Confession Response

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**

Children's Sermon

Anthem

He Was Despised

Xiu-Rui Lui, contralto

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:7-9

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Acts 8:26-40

When an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Elevators and Water Guys

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Sermon Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn. The offering is meant to be sacrificial, above our regular giving. Please come forward as clergy place a basket before the Communion table and place your gift. All proceeds will go to **Sewickley Community Center's Food Pantry.**)

Affirmation of Faith

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; 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.

Offering & Offertory

Our Help and Comfort Is in God

Doxology

**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.**

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Christ Is Risen

Closing Hymn #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia no. 5 in F

Today's flowers are given

In Loving Memory of

Betty & Jake Thornton

By

Liza Thornton

Worship Participants

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Rev. G. Mike Creamer

Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer

Soloists: Xiu-Rui Lui, contralto

Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tim Merrill, Tina Thomas, Janet Lee

Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Alexis Merritt

Credits

Allemande from Partita no. 4, J. S. Bach

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded, Dolores Dufner (1996), Giovanni Gastoldi (1591)

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing, (#610)

Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri

He Was Despised, G. F. Handel

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord Of My Heart, (#450)

Our Help and Comfort Is in God, Kenneth Lowenberg

Christ Is Risen

Doxology

Sing Glory to the Name of God, (#10)

Fantasia no. 5 in F, George Phillip Telemann

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Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week.

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PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING

- Jon Olson
- Michele Madden (daughter-in-law of Bobbi Bonnett)

Please find a full list of Prayer Needs in the Robinson Room and near the entrance to the Sanctuary

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