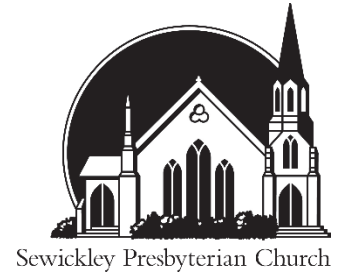


# Order of Worship | April 28, 2024

## 9 AM



### Prelude

Hymn of Heaven

### Gathering Song

Blessed Be Your Name

More

### 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.

### Responsive Song

Gratitude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

### Children's Sermon

### 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.

### 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*

## **Offering & Offertory**

Lamb of God

## **Responsive 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 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.

## **Closing Song**

Mighty to Save

(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this song. 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.**)

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## **Worship Participants**

Rev. Derek R. Davenport  
Rev. G. Michael Creamer  
*Praise Team Director:* Jeremy Fisher  
*Saxophone:* Eric Fulmer  
*Drummer:* Doug Canan  
*Pianist:* Michael Hammer  
*Vocals:* Andrew Birnie, Erin Leghorn, Rosie MacKenzie Wyche  
*Ushers:* Robert Burnham, Gretchen Burnham, Chris Standish  
*Tech Crew:* Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson, Alexis Merritt

## **Credits**

**Hymn of Heaven**, *Phil Wickham, B. Johnson, B. Johnson, C. Davenport*  
**Blessed Be Your Name**, *Matt and Beth Redman*  
**More**, *N. Serrano and T. Profitt*  
**Gratitude**, *Brandon Lake, B. Hastings, D. Brown*  
**Lamb of God**, *John Michael Talbot*  
**Mighty to Save**, *Hillsong*

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## **IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?**

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber ([sbarber@sewickleypresby.org](mailto:sbarber@sewickleypresby.org)/412.741.4550).

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week.  
[www.sewickleypresby.org](http://www.sewickleypresby.org)

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

### **PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING**

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

Today's flowers are given

In Loving Memory of

**Betty & Jake Thornton**

By

***Liza Thornton***

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

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