



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

LIVE · GROW · SERVE

Order of Worship

April 13, 2025

Prelude

Fanfare-Improvisation on “St. Drostané”

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Psalm 22

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

People: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you;

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Children’s Time

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Children going into preschool through 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church following the Children’s Time

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Clement of Rome, AD 96

What shall I render to you, my Creator, for all your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all that I have and all that I am. But I cannot shake off the fear which tempts me to hoard my life. So I ask only for your mercy. Fill me with such pure and heavenly love that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of your love. 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.

Announcements

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Anthem

Toccata from Cantata ("Ride On, King Jesus!")

Anna Singer, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-14

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

True Glory

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Sermon Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Affirmation

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

Ride On, King Jesus

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

Fourfold Amen

Closing Hymn #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm Sunday Recessional

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer
Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy
Acolyte: Elliot Quaka
Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer
Soloists:
Ray Blackwell, baritone,
Xiuru Liu, contralto
Anna Singer, soprano,
Paul Yeater, tenor
Ushers: Susie Wardrop, Terry Smith,
Judee Rooney & Rachel Bartels
Tech Crew: Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,
Lexie Merritt

Credits

Fanfare-Improvisation on "St. Drostane"
Grollen
Hosanna to the Son of David, Ossewaarde
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hymn #197
Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri
Toccata from Cantata ("Ride On, King Jesus!"),
John Carter
All Glory, Laud, and Honor, Hymn #196
Ride On, King Jesus, Howard Helvey
Fourfold Amen, Charles Goehring
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!, Hymn #198
Psalm Sunday Recessional, Grollen

Today's Flowers:

In Loving Memory of **Mary Murphy**
By *Wayne Murphy*

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/412.741.4550).



Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday
Eggstravaganza

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday
Brunch after each service

Tuesday, April 22

Small Group Info Meeting

Thursday, April 24

Music Retreat

Thursday, April 26

Spring Clean-Up

Sundays, April 27 & May 4

Blanket Sundays

Sunday, May 11

Summer Worship Begins
9 & 10:30 AM worship in the Dining Room

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

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS OF JOYFUL THANKSGIVING

- On the birth of Rory Buchanan Slaven
Born on April 7, 2025
Son of Kathryn & Jeb Slaven
Grandson of Jim & Nancy Morrissey

PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE AND HEALING

- Jim Darby
- Pete and Mary Catharine Eberhart (Elizabeth Szuba's parents)
- Tim Lawrence (Stew and Jeanette Lawrence's son)
- Virginia Picard
- Rob Thomas
- Sue & Skooter Van Kirk (daughter-in-law & son of Jane Van Kirk)
- Janet Zidansek

A full list of Prayer Needs can be found in the Robinson Room and at the door of the Sanctuary

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM
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