

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent



SILENT MEDITATION

*We do not know what to do, but our eyes are turned to You.
Remember, Lord, Your compassion and loving-kindness,
for they are everlasting. May Your loving-kindness, Lord,
be with us, for we have put our hope in You.*

Tahanun, Traditional Jewish Morning Prayer

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

United Church of Canada

Please touch as I touch each named "faculty"

L: Creator, touch our minds (head)

C: That we may worship with understanding.

L: Christ, touch our eyes (eyes)

C: That we may recognize each other.

L: Holy Spirit, touch our voices (lips)

C: That our words would always praise you.

L: Love divine, touch our hearts (chest)

C: That your compassion would overflow.

L: God of all, touch our hands (one hand on top of the other; palms up)

C: That all we touch would be blessed, that all we touch would be transformed, that all we touch would be made new, by your love.

L: With all that we are (head, eyes, lips, heart, hands),

ALL: We worship you! AMEN.

*HYMN: 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION

Let us become still, in the presence of our Lord. Bringing all of ourselves, the good and the bad, let us open ourselves to God's

sight, and God's healing. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Lord, help me to relax. Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture. Take from me the worries that blind my sight. Take from me the distress that hides your joy. Help me to know that I am with you, that I am in your care, that I am in your love; that you and I are one. AMEN (*David Adam*).

*******Silent Confession*******

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry "Abba; Father!", it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (*Rom. 8: 15-17*). Friends, hear and believe; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Now the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

CENTERING MUSIC: 817 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OT READING 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (P. 253; p. 286)

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5: 8-14 (P. 183; p. 1025)

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON John 9: 1-41 (P. 97; p. 942)

L: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON So, Seeing is Believing? – or Not?

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths, for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me: your rod, and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Amen.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:
Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or tdougherty@ovpc.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

MINUTE FROM SESSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY: 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN: 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

CHARGE

(just as the call to worship)

Creator, touch our minds,

That we may meet our neighbor with understanding.

Christ, touch our eyes,

That we may truly see our neighbor.

Holy Spirit, touch our voices,

That our words would always show your grace.

Love divine, touch our hearts,

That your compassion may overflow, through us.

God of all, touch our hands,

That all we touch would be blessed, that all we touch would be transformed, that all we touch would be made new, by your love. AMEN.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *We kindly request the congregation remain seated and quiet during the postlude.*



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

LITURGIST – Bev Bailey

SCRIPTURE READER – Amy Peoples

GREETERS – Kris Taylor & Sue Sigvardson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Donated by Grace & Rick Nelson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Prayer List

John Burris	Tracy Higdon	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson Family of Dick Regester	Alex Rhodes
Charlotte Wheatley	Rene Heller	Robert Poetsch
The Family of Terry Parmelee	Jeff Neihammer Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Family of Brooks Goldman
The Family of Janice Parris	Dr. Stephen Steurer & Family	Karen Berrie
Pat Robinson	Ruth Schafer	Flora Beaver

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455, Sue Sigvardson at 302-858-1238 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

Announcements 3/19/2023

This Week

- **Christian Ed** – Led by Don Benjamin 10:30 – 12:00 in Fellowship Center.
- Bible study for this week is cancelled – Pastor is on vacation.
- **Newsletter Reminder** – deadline is March 20, 2023.
- 2023 Easter Flower Order Form is included in the bulletin. Please note: Orders and payment are due by March 26.
- **Lenten Times of Prayer** - This year make it **your** Holy Week. Times for your Prayers will start at 8:00 am, noon, and 6:00 pm. April 3, 4 and 5. Our community gathers in the Sanctuary to reach out to the living Christ.
“Love to pray. Feel the need to pray often during the day. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.” (From No Greater Love by **Mother Teresa**.)
- **Samburg Tennessee Tornado Relief** - Attention OVPC Members and Friends – Today is the last Sunday that the Mission Committee has scheduled the special offering to support the Samburg Tennessee tornado relief offering. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider donating to this worthy mission project. The year we devoted to this project has come to an end and we of the Mission Committee of OVPC will be looking for another project to support in the future. We thank you for your support for this project. Mike Quinn, Chair of Mission Committee.
- 2023 Envelopes are available and located at the back of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to pick them up.

Ongoing Events

- **2023 OVPC Flower Chart** – If you are looking to purchase flowers for a special celebration or memorial, please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to reserve your date. The cost is still \$25.00. Below are available dates for the rest of the year:

06/04/2023	06/18/2023	07/16/2023	09/24/2023
12/10/2023	12/31/2023		

- While masking and social distancing is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to do so. OVPC will continue to supply a mask if needed.
- **Blessing Bags:** The Blessing Bags bin will be outside the church office door, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Thursday. The list of needed donations is on the OVPC website home page (click on the link provided) and inside the Blessing Bags bin. Your generosity to Selbyville Middle School students is greatly appreciated. For more information or to arrange pick up of donations, please call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Volunteers Needed:**

Security - Couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at 301-247-1747. Diane, our church Administrative Assistant issues an email every other month requesting people to sign up for a week of doing security. Once signed up you can check the church calendar, on the church's website at OVPC.org to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at office@ovpc.org to get your name on the email scheduling list.

Greeters - If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday March 26, 2023 is:

- Ezekiel 37: 1-14
- John 11: 1-45

New Initiatives



One Great Hour of Sharing OVPC Deacon Monthly Mission - March 2023

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the first of the four **Special Offerings** from Presbyterian Church (USA) that the Deacons will present this year. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three (3) impactful programs:

1). **Presbyterian Hunger Program** - this program takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. **36%** of every dollar is designated here.

2). **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** - communities affected by the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters receive support as they recover and find hope after these tragedies. **32%** of every donated dollar will be designated to this program.

3). **Self-Development of People** - Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these social issues. **32%** of our donations will be allocated to this program.

100% of our One Great Hour of Sharing is formed by the belief that the church is not an institution, but an action. For the Church to be the Church it must be in relationship with those in need.

Please write your checks to OVPC with OGHS on the memo line.

*When each of us donates a little.....our gifts will add up to a lot.
Thank you, your Ocean View Presbyterian Deacons*



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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: Bob Wolf

SUNDAY	March 19 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC)
MONDAY	March 20
TUESDAY	March 21
WEDNESDAY	March 22 Mtg. of Committee Heads – 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (FC) ESL Classes – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (FC) Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (S)
THURSDAY	March 23 Cemetery Com. – 2:00 – 3:00 pm (FC) A Quiet Place 6 pm – 6:30 pm (S)
FRIDAY	March 24
SATURDAY	March 25
SUNDAY	March 26 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed. – 10:30 am – 12:00 noon (FC)