

# OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

March 26, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



## **SILENT MEDITATION**

*I don't claim to have reached perfection already...but I do keep going on, trying to grasp that purpose for which Christ Jesus grasped me. Brothers and sisters, I don't consider I've grasped it fully, even now. So I concentrate on this: I forget all that lies behind me, and with my hands stretched out to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal! My reward is the honor of my call, from God through Jesus. All of us, spiritually adult, should think and act just like this.*

*Paul of Tarsus, **Philippians 3***

## **PLAYING OF THE CHIMES**

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Each step of our walk with Jesus has shown us treasure old and new. We've worked and rested, been challenged and assured; we've known fear and struggled in prayer; known grief and celebration.

**C: We've shared it all; when we were exhausted, when we were filled with energy; when we put one foot in front of the other.**

L: This time is our time to be together, to be built up once more.

**C: Loving one another, listening for God's Spirit, worshipping our God.**

**ALL: Let us worship our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer. With joy, let us worship our God!**

#### **\*HYMN: 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

#### **CONFESSION**

From the darkest corners of our lives, the desperate places in our hearts, we call out to you, O God: hear our voices, listen sympathetically as we open our hearts. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**God, if you kept track of every thought, every sin, every wickedness - how could I come before you? I'm counting on your forgiveness; that will free me to love once more, to love you for all you have done. I'm waiting, with the hope your**

**Word and your promises have given me; I'm waiting like someone who's been up all night, and can't believe its dawn. O Lord, you are my hope; I know you love me through every chance and change. I know you can redeem me; I know you will redeem all the tragedy I, and everybody, have made. I know you will save us from sin.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Silent Confession\*\*\*\*\***

Children of God, friends, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, who dwells in you. And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, God who raised Christ will give life to your mortal bodies as well, through that same Spirit. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

Reconciled, we are at peace with God. The peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you.**

Let us share glad signs of Christ's peace.

**CENTERING MUSIC: 284 Holy Spirit Come to Us**

*"The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn selected for Centering Music."*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OT READING**            Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (P. 764; p. 767)

**ANTHEM**                **Lord, I Need You**

**GOSPEL LESSON**      John 11: 1-45 (P. 99; p. 944)

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

**SERMON**      What's Going On Here?

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-***The Confession of 1967; 9.21, 22, 24 & 26*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. Jesus' cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for us when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moving our response of faith, repentance and obedience, initiating our new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which we know God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing no-one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus; His deeds and words, His struggles against temptation, His compassion, His anger, and His willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.**

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate God's work of creation and reconciliation beyond death, and will bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. 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](mailto:tdougherty@ovpc.org)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THE LORDS PRAYER

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

## \*DEDICATION

**\*HYMN: 312** Take Us As We Are, O God

## CHARGE

With new flesh on our bones, with the breath of the Spirit animating our lives, let us go out into the world God loves, to share that love from our hearts!

**We go into the world to love and serve our Lord! 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.”

**WORSHIP LEADER** – Bev Bailey

**LITURGIST** – Bob Wolf

**SCRIPTURE READER** – Kathy Sheetz

**GREETERS** – Ollie Robling & Charlie O’Neill

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – Donated by Ray Keller, Jr. celebrating fellowship with OVPC which is special to him.

**Prayer List**

|   |                                 |                                |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| John Burris   | Alex Rhodes                     | Dottie<br>Nicholson            |
| Khaled & Nouha<br>Dabaj, their<br>Children, and<br>Mother Nohad | Elaine Jackson                  | Peggy Schaffer                 |
| Charlotte Wheatley  | Family of Dick<br>Regester      | Robert Poetsch                 |
| Mo Gittman<br>(Maureen)   | Jeff Neihammer                  | Family of<br>Brooks<br>Goldman |
| The Family of Janice<br>Parris                                  | Dr. Stephen Steurer<br>& 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](mailto: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 3/26/2023**

**This Week**

- **2023 Easter Flower Order Form** is included in the bulletin. Please note: Orders and payment are due by March 26.

- **Christian Ed** – Led by Don Benjamin 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in Fellowship Center.
- **Lenten Times of Prayer:**  
**Mother Teresa**  
 Excerpt from *No Greater Love*  
**"If you want to pray better, you must pray more. God allows the failure but He does not want the discouragement. He wants us to be more childlike, more humble, more grateful in prayer, to remember we all belong to the mystical body of Christ, which is praying always."**  
 LENTEN TIMES OF PRAYER - April 3, 4 & 5 - 8 am, Noon, 6 pm - OVPC Sanctuary
- 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** – Just a few dates left, so, 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](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to reserve your date. The cost is \$25.00. Below are available dates for the rest of the year:

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| 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](http://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](mailto: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 April 2, 2023 is:

- Psalms 118: 1-2
- Matthew 21: 1-11

## **New Initiatives**



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### **OVPC Deacon Monthly Mission - April 2023 Sussex County Crisis House**

Once again OVPC Deacons are supporting Crisis House for April's Mission. Director Maria Evans says the news about their building is not good. You'll remember they had to replace all the HVAC units last year. As the units were being installed, they found under-house wet/flooding issues. Contractors will let them know how much it will cost to get them dry. In the meantime, their cedar-shake siding is falling off! Of course, replacing cedar is cost-prohibitive, so they are looking at "fake/imitation" cedar siding at a lower cost of \$24,000. So, you can imagine how welcome our April donations will be.

Director Evans said the good news is that the shelter's now housing men and women. In one case an 18-year-old young woman (after 11 years in foster care, then recently in their shelter), was helped to find her father. Her dad arranged transportation and she's now living with him with her own room in the central part of the USA. God certainly guided Crisis House staff in this! So, let's see what we can do to bring some more good news to them. For more information about Crisis House, please call Gloria Bartholomew or visit their website at <https://www.scchsinc.org/crisis-house-emergency-shelter>.

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### THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>March 26</b><br>Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)<br>Christian Ed – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC)           |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>March 27</b><br>Mission Giving Taskforce – 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm (FC)                                  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>March 28</b><br>Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC) & 6:00 – 8:00 pm (S)                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>March 29</b><br>ESL Classes – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (FC)<br>Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (S)    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>March 30</b><br>Mtg. of Committee Heads – 9:00 – 10:00 am (FC)<br>A Quiet Place 6 pm – 6:30 pm (S) |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>March 31</b>   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>April 1</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>April 2</b><br>Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)   |