

March 15, 2026

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship:** Adapted from Psalm 118:19-29

Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! Hosanna!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #394 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- **Prayer of Confession:** Liturgist, Ruth White

With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.

While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes.

We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us.

We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real,

daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us.

Ride into our hearts with healing grace.

Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- **Congregational Response:** #604 - Lamb of God

Children's Message: Zora Mallory

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-14

Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word... "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow or shed innocent blood in this place, and if

you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors forever and ever. Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!"—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? I, too, am watching, says the LORD."

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Scripture Reading: Luke 20:9-19

He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and leased it to tenants and went away for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard, but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!"...When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Pastor Rob McRay

- **Sounds of Hope:** #215 - What Wondrous Love Is This

- **Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Giving and Offertory

- **Doxology**

Pastoral Prayers, The Lord's Prayer: Jim Turner, Pastoral Care

... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

• **Sounds of Love:** #93 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

• **Benediction**

Postlude

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold indicates unison reading.



March 18, 25 – Book Group via Zoom, 1:30pm (Starting a new book - *The Origin of Hymns, It is Well With My Soul* by Robert J Morgan, who is from Donelson)

March 16 – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm

March 18 – Hymn Sing & Potluck, 6pm

March 26 – Men's Fellowship Dinner, Los Tres Amigos, 4119 Lebanon Pike, 5:30pm

HOLY WEEK

March 29 – 5th Sunday Feast, 9am/Palm Sunday/H & H Offering to benefit the "One Great Hour of Sharing"

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – Soup & Salad Supper, 6pm/Passover Presentation, 6:30pm (**sign up** at the rear of the sanctuary or email the church office)

April 3 – Good Friday, Drama & Music Presentation, 6:30pm

April 5 - EASTER

Today's Security Team: Jeff Clark, David Smith

Today's Counters: Carolyn Lantz, Bob Gessler

March Head Usher: Zora Mallory

March Acolyte Leader: Ann Koonce

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs – Joy Roark and Jim Turner; Members – Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jeni Steele, Leanne Terry, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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1. Plate giving during the offertory portion of our service
2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the "Giving" tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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