



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 30, 2025

Fourth Week of Lent



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Marshall

PRELUDE

“I am Thine, O Lord” by Victor C. Johnson

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

We come to worship the One who sees beyond rules and traditions.

Jesus calls us to love over legalism, to mercy over rigid obedience.

When customs stand in the way of compassion, Christ challenges us to choose justice.

When rules become barriers to grace, Christ invites us to break them for love.

God's kingdom is not bound by human restrictions. It is a kingdom where healing is welcome, even on the Sabbath.

We come to be challenged, to be transformed, to follow Christ's way of mercy and justice.

So let us worship the One who heals, restores, and calls us to something greater.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 697

“Take My Life”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

At the table, Jesus saw more than what was polished and presentable—he saw the cracks, the wear, the brokenness, and he welcomed it. Come, bring what is fractured, what is failing, what is unfinished. God does not discard what is shattered—God redeems it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God,

**We confess that we are too often content to sit at tables of privilege,
content with systems that serve us,
even as they exclude others.**

**We are slow to question, slow to change,
and hesitant to overturn what is broken.**

Forgive us when we cling to comfort rather than seeking justice.

Turn over the tables in our hearts, O God.

**Gather the shattered pieces of our lives,
and make something beautiful.**

In the name of Jesus, the One who welcomes all, we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele Wallen

Hear this good news:

Jesus Christ turns over every barrier that separates us from God's love.

In him, what is shattered is gathered. What is broken is mended.

We are forgiven. We are set free. So let us live as those who have been transformed!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

*We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Michele Wallen

Christ turns over fear and replaces it with peace.
May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

God, you speak in the breaking of bread, in the overturning of tables, in the quiet whispers of grace. Give us ears to hear what we need, not just what we want. May your Word shape us, change us, and turn us toward love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1-6

Donna Marshall

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?” But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?” And they could not reply to this.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Heart of Worship” by Matt Redman

Valerie Adelung

SERMON

Turning Over Tables: Challenge

Rev. Michele Wallen

- How does Jesus challenge the Pharisees' understanding of the Sabbath?
- Where do we prioritize rules, traditions, or comfort over compassion and justice?
- How is Jesus calling us to respond when faithfulness requires us to challenge the status quo?

*HYMN # 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Michele Wallen

(From A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA 1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed,
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted.
He challenged the powers of injustice,
refused to conform to empty traditions,
and was crucified,
giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Michele Wallen

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Michele Wallen

Giving is an act of faithfulness—not just following a rule, but trusting in God’s abundance. We give, not out of obligation, but because we believe that love must be lived, justice must be practiced, and mercy must take shape in the world. Let us offer what we have, trusting that God will use it for healing, hope, and transformation.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

OFFERTORY

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”
by Anthony Giamanco

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Michele Wallen

God of mercy and justice, you challenge us to live with boldness and compassion, to put love before rules and people before tradition. Take these gifts we offer today— not as empty ritual, but as a sign of our commitment to the work of healing, justice, and transformation. Bless them, multiply them, and use them to bring your kingdom closer to earth. Amen.

*HYMN # 729

“I Want to be a Christian”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Michele Wallen

Go now, for God is still creating,
turning what is broken into something new.

Go, for Christ is still redeeming,
flipping the tables of injustice and making space for grace.

Go, for the Spirit is still moving,
breathing life into us and stirring us to act.

And may the blessing of God, who made us,
Christ, who calls us,
and the Spirit, who sends us forth,
be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare” by Jacques Lemmens

Valerie Adelung

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Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.