

Highlawn

Presbyterian Church

APRIL 7, 2019
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life... In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

***Hymn** "I Come with Joy" No. 515 v. 1-4

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Elements—*we will share by intinction; if you are able, please come forward as directed by the ushers, take a piece of bread, dip into the cup and eat.*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Offering of God's People

*** Offertory Response** "Doxology" No. 606

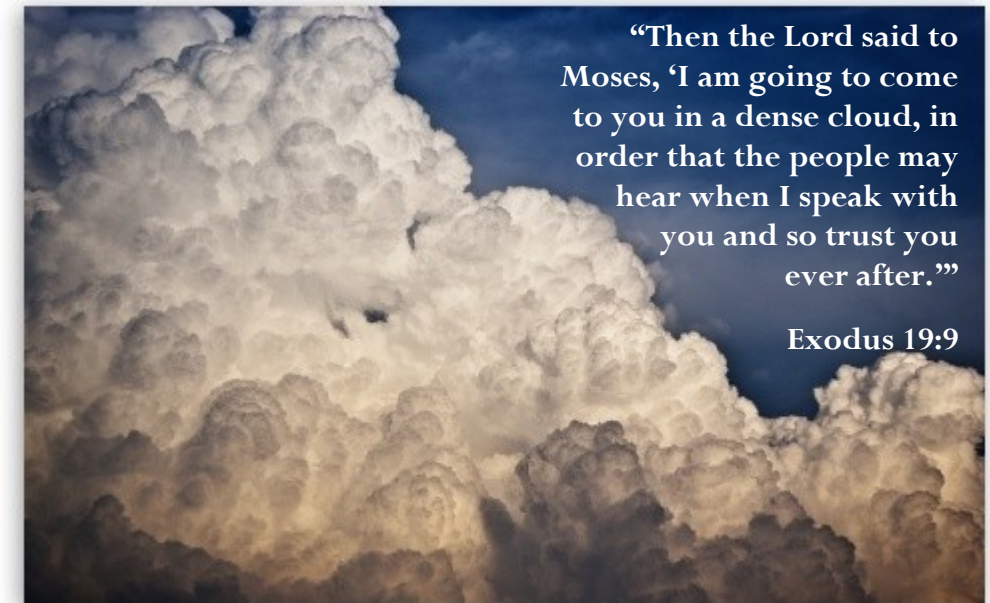
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*** Offertory Prayer**

*** Closing Hymn** "O God, Who Gives Us Life" No. 53

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response** "I Come with Joy" No. 515 v. 5



"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.'"

Exodus 19:9



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A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

L: Through human lips

P: Christ is speaking

L: Through human hands

P: Christ is healing

L: Through our hearts

P: Christ is loving

L: Through us all

P: Christ is working

L: So behold the truth:

**All: God is living, loving, speaking, and healing through
Christ our Savior.**

*Hymn

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

No. 31

Call to Confession

Kimberly L. Clayton, "Pastoral Perspective"

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been,
then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give.

God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things.

Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life.

With confidence in God's generosity,

we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God,

**we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.**

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.

**Wanting to control our assets,
we hoard the gifts you give us.**

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

**Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and
sacrifice.**

**Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,
with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.**

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous.

Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ,

who has made us his own.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun

**Forgetting what lies behind,
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Passing of the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as
members of a single body in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Message

Anthem

"We Are Redeemed"

Lee Dengler

Scripture

Exodus 19:1-9, 20:1-17

Sermon

"Trust Worthy"

Rev. Dana Sutton