

ROCKBRIDGE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Community Lenten Service

Thursday, March 7, 2019

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Joe D'Aurora

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

(Psalm 90)

PRAYER (unison)

**O God, our Father, grant that our worship today may help make us more useful
in your service; more beautiful with your love; and more courageous in our
witness; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN # 426 Open Our Eyes, Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives.

Free us from our unwise choices, O God.

When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love.

During this Lenten journey, help us to focus our hearts on you, so that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

[A time of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love.

He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.

As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who honor him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us.

(Psalm. 103:8, 10-13 GNT)

Solo Pat Tichenor – soloist; Christine Schadeberg, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 2: 5-8

MESSAGE "The Mindset of Lent" The Rev. Paul Carter

BENEDICTION

Our speaker today is Paul Carter, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Schedule of Lenten Speakers:

March 14th – Rachel Clark (New Monmouth Presbyterian)

March 21st – Carl Pattison (Lutheran & Presbyterian Intentional Interim Pastor)

March 29th – James Hubbard (Grace Episcopal)

April 4th – Joe Cailles (Trinity United Methodist)

April 11th – Bill Klein (Lexington Presbyterian)

Thanks to the congregation of Manly Memorial Baptist Church for kindly hosting our weekly Lenten services again this year. A soup and sandwich lunch will be available for \$5.00 immediately following the service.

You are also invited to attend:

Palm Sunday Parade – April 14th – 9:30 am – Hopkins Green

Easter Sunrise Service for the Downtown Churches - April 21st – 7:00 am – hosted by Manly Memorial Baptist Church (a breakfast will be served following the service)