



**The Mahanoy Koinonia Ministerium  
Community Lenten Worship Series  
March 30, 2022**

Welcome! We are glad you have come to Give God Praise in worship with congregations of the Stone Valley Parish.

Salem Zion Church Pillow and

Zion Stone Valley Church on Mountain Road, Dalmatia

*We worship on the following Platforms: live stream on the FaceBook and the Stone Valley Parish YouTube Channel, and also those in Pillow and surrounding area on FM 107.5 Radio.*

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**Fourth Week in Lent  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
A Service of Word  
7:00pm**

### *Worship Preparation*

#### *A Time to center and prepare yourself*

God keep me from seeing what I want to see. Even if it is hard for me, open my eyes to see what I need to understand. Do not let my own fear or privilege hide reality from me. Let me be willing to change, to grow, to understand. Let me take the time it requires to put aside old attitudes to develop new appreciations. I am ready to let go of what shelters me. I am able to walk with you to welcome the stranger. Bring me out of the cave of my comfort and show me the wideness of your world, the variety of your people, the neighbors I never know. AMEN.

### *Prelude*

#### *Evoking the Mystery*

*Lighting of the Candles*

#### *\*Call to Worship*

*Psalm 32*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,

**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me  
the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### *\*Call to Confession*

**One:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us,  
redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Time of silent individual confession.*

### *\*Prayer of Confession*

**One:** Most merciful God,

**Many:** we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we  
expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept  
our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left  
undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead  
us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect  
your love for all creation. **Amen.**

### *\*Announcement of God's Forgiveness*

**One:** Rejoice in this good news: In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

### *\*The Apostolic Greeting*

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### *\*Gathering Hymn*      "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"    #318

I BELIEVE IN A HILL CALLED MOUNT CALVARY

**TEXT: Dale Oldham, Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither**

**MUSIC: William J. Gaither**

**TUNE: MOUNT CALVARY**

**METER: Irregular Meter**

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### *\*Prayer of the Day*

**Many: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD

### *First Reading*

**Proverbs 14:1-11**

The wisest of women builds her house,  
but folly with her own hands tears it down.  
Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD,  
but he who is devious in his ways despises him.  
By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back,  
but the lips of the wise will preserve them.  
Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean,  
but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.  
A faithful witness does not lie,  
but a false witness breathes out lies.

A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain,  
but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding.  
Leave the presence of a fool,  
for there you do not meet words of knowledge.  
The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way,  
but the folly of fools is deceiving.  
Fools mock at the guilt offering,  
but the upright enjoy acceptance.  
The heart knows its own bitterness,  
and no stranger shares its joy.  
The house of the wicked will be destroyed,  
but the tent of the upright will flourish.

*One:* The Word of the Lord:            *Many:* **Thanks be to God.**

### *Second Reading*

**Psalm 30:4-12**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.  
As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”  
By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.  
To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:  
“What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!”  
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*One:* The Word of the Lord:      *Many:* **Thanks be to God.**

### *\*Gospel Reading*

*One:* The holy gospel according to St.Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter,

*Many:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 15:1-10**

#### **The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

#### **The Parable of the Lost Coin**

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*One:* The Gospel of the Lord. *Many:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### *Sermon*

Rev. Dale Thomas

### *\*The Hymn of the Day*

“Victory in Jesus”

#353

VICTORY IN JESUS

**TEXT: Eugene M. Bartlett4-12**

**MUSIC: Eugene M. Bartlett**

**TUNE: HARTFORD**

**METER: Irregular meter**

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### OUR RESPONSE

### *\*The Affirmation of Faith*

## *Apostle's Creed*

*One:* Let us say what we believe.

*Many:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## *Prayer Concerns*

### *Prayers of the People and Prayers of Intercession*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*One:* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*Many:* **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; And lead us not into temptation but, deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## *Prayer Response*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**LORD, LISTERN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING**

**TEXT: Ken Medema**

**MUSIC: Medema**

**TUNE: CHILDREN PRAYING**

**METER: Irregular**

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## **OFFERTORY SERVICE**

### *Call to offering*

**One:** What an abundance of gifts we have to offer: musical talent, the melody of laughter, the use of our hands in cooking and repairs, the use of our minds in problem solving, curiosity, compassion, patience, urgency, spiritual reservoirs, financial resources, obedience and courage to act. All these gifts, and others which bear our personal marks, are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church.

If you feel inspired to support the outreach of the Mahanoy Koininia Ministerium, emergency fund or, senior graduation scholarships and programming you can drop a check to: Salem-Zion Church Pillow, Inc, PO Box 116, 119 Cherry Street, Pillow, Pa 17080 **PLACING IN MEMO WHAT YOUR DONATION WILL SUPPORT.**

Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship with our offerings.

### *Musical Offertory*

**\*Presentation of Our Offering**      “Change My Heart, O God” #654

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

TEXT: Eddie Espinosa

MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa

TUNE: CHANGE MY HEART

METER: Irregular Meter

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### *Blessing and Dedication of Our Offerings*

**Many:** Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

### *The Sending*

#### *Preparing to Reconnect to the World*

**\*The Sending Hymn**      “Our God Reigns”      #372

OUR GOD REIGNS

TEXT: Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

MUSIC: Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

TUNE: OUR GOD REIGNS

METER: Irregular Meter

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### *\*Commission & Benediction*

Our worship is ended, but now our service begins! Go from this place for you are the body of Christ and the whole world awaits you; So live passionately, love faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the finale! Our God of resurrecting grace goes with you.

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. Amen.

### *\*Threefold Amen*

### *\*Sung Dismissal* “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart” #231

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

**TEXT: DENNY CAGLE; BASED ON COLOSSIANS 3:15**

**MUSIC: DENNY CAGLE**

**TUNE: PEACE OF CHRIST**

**METER: IRREGULAR METER**

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### *\*Dismissal*

*One:* Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

*Many:* Thanks be to God.

### *\*Postlude*

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**Welcome! We are glad you are here with us and invite you to come again!**

**This is the day that the Lord has Made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Welcome to this time of giving God praise and thanksgiving. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Creator God, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.**

Thank you for attending this evening's Lenten service. Light refreshments are being served in the social room after the service. Leaving the sanctuary walk down the hall to double doors.

Restrooms- Leave the sanctuary walk down the hall. Pass by the stairway entrance on the right. Continue down the hall and turn right at the next hall entrance, Men's room first on left and Women's room next left.

All offering monies will be given to the Koinonia Ministerium to be used for needs in our community.

### **Upcoming Lenten Services (All Services Begin At 7:00pm)**

<b>March 30</b>	<b>Salem Church, Pillow</b>	<b>Pastor Dale Thomas</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Himmel's Church, Dornsife</b>	<b>Pastor Curtis Zemencik</b>
<b>April 15(Good Friday)</b>	<b>St. Paul's UCC, Urban</b>	<b>Pastor Karis Hagen</b>

### **Journey With The Cross**

**Journey with the Cross, (much like stations of the Cross), Friday April 15, 1:00PM Pillow Historical Society starting point. Will journey with the cross, making stops along the way, to hear the Passion Story into the Resurrection Story and singing hymns. This is a walking event and will be rain or shine so dress appropriately.**

**All Are Welcome!!!**

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