



March 22, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
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## Order of Worship

*We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit. We invite you to spend a few moments in quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship and allow yourself to be surrounded by the peace of Christ before we begin.*

### WELCOME

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

**God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we feel lost in this world, and we have trouble finding Your way. You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Yet the world around us is darkened by illness, and our hearts are darkened by fear. You are the God of wholeness, yet we find ourselves fractured and scattered. Have mercy upon us and upon this world. Speak peace and comfort to Your people. And by the power of Your Holy Spirit, may Your light shine within and through us, that all may know the hope that is in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8-14

**Pastor:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Lead Us by Faith

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

## ANTHEM

Seek Ye the Lord

John Varley Roberts

*Timothy Stoddard, tenor*

Seek ye the LORD while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the LORD; and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

Text: Isaiah 55:6-7

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Soli Deo gloria!*

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*Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this day.*

## Today from Shadyside Presbyterian Church

### We gratefully acknowledge the helpful contributions of the Session's task force for online worship:

Elders John E. B. Baldrige, Brigetta P. Del Re, and Victoria L. Potter, who assisted in coordinating the logistics of presenting a virtual service of worship on the Internet. We especially thank Elder Baldrige for his post-production and editing work on today's video.

### We also thank Dr. Mark A. Boyle for musical consultation in the preparation of today's service.

Dr. Boyle is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Seton Hill University. Both he and his wife Jane are members of the Chancel Choir. Dr. Boyle is providing leadership for our Music Ministry while Mr. Anderson is on sabbatical spending concentrated time on coursework for his Doctor of Sacred Music degree.

## About This Morning's Music

English Victorian John Varley Roberts (1841-1920) was organist and choirmaster at Magdalen College, Oxford, between 1882 and 1918. He wrote a number of organ works and anthems for Magdalen, which had daily services led by the choir.

## Mission Partnerships of Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The mission outreach efforts of Shadyside Presbyterian Church range from educating community youth and feeding the homeless, to international efforts of caring for orphans and promoting health care. Please visit [www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others](http://www.shadysidepres.org/serve-others) for more information regarding the church's local, national, and international mission partners.

## Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

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### Sunday, March 22

Psalms 84; 150  
Genesis 48:8-22  
Romans 8:11-25  
John 6:27-40

### Tuesday, March 24

Psalms 34; 146  
Genesis 49:29-50:14  
1 Corinthians 11:2-34  
Mark 8:1-10

### Thursday, March 26

Psalms 27; 147:12-20  
Exodus 1:6-22  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Mark 8:27-9:1

### Saturday, March 28

Psalms 43; 149  
Exodus 2:23-3:15  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Mark 9:14-29

### Monday, March 23

Psalms 119:73-80; 145  
Genesis 49:1-28  
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1  
Mark 7:24-37

### Wednesday, March 25

Psalms 5; 147:1-11  
Genesis 50:15-26  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Mark 8:11-26

### Friday, March 27

Psalms 22; 148  
Exodus 2:1-22  
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3  
Mark 9:2-13

### Sunday, March 29

Psalms 84; 150  
Exodus 3:16-4:12  
Romans 12:1-21  
John 8:46-59

## News and Notes

**Important Notice** - Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the Shadyside Presbyterian Church building and offices remain closed. All services of worship, activities, and events will not meet on-site or in-person until further notice.

**The Shadyside Presbyterian Church online worship archive** contains audio recordings of worship from previous years, which we encourage you to explore. We hope these archived resources will enhance your personal devotional time as we face an extended period of physical separation from our community of faith.

**Care and Support** - Your pastors, staff, elders, deacons, and Care Team remain deeply committed to caring for our congregation. We are making every effort to remain connected, especially with those who are most vulnerable and those who may be feeling lonely or anxious. We encourage you to stay connected by phone, email, or social media. Please don't hesitate to reach out by any of these means if you would like to talk to someone.

**PrayerNet** complements our ongoing prayer groups by lifting up urgent prayer requests. If you or a loved one are in need of urgent prayer, or if you would like to become a PrayerNet prayer partner to help lift up these requests, email member Krissy Moehling at [prayernet@shadysidepres.org](mailto:prayernet@shadysidepres.org). Confidentiality, if requested for names and/or situations, will be maintained.

**Staff Directory** - If you need to contact a particular member of the church staff, you may find contact information from the online staff directory. Although the office is closed, your staff is working remotely.

**If you have a pastoral emergency**, please call 412.682.4300, and, after the answering message begins, press 8. You may leave a message in this mailbox, and a pastor on-call will be notified.

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** is comprised of seven members of the congregation: Susan Balaan, Sara Brooke, Don Coffelt, Percy Jackson, Adam Loucks, Ann Pauley, and Janet Rohrer. You may contact them at [pnc@shadysidepres.org](mailto:pnc@shadysidepres.org). Please continue to pray for them as they work to discern whom God is calling to be our next senior pastor.

**Stewardship Reminder** - Contributions to support the mission and ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church may be mailed to the attention of the church's finance office at 5121 Westminister Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Checks will be processed at the earliest possible opportunity. Additionally, did you know that some members have arranged for their bank to send a monetary gift directly to the church? You may contact your financial institution to request a similar fund transfer. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Mini-Mouse** - Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in an email message to [info@shadysidepres.org](mailto:info@shadysidepres.org).

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*Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

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