



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 4th, 2018

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP – (*Psalm 130:6*)

I wait for the Lord with longing,
I put my hope in God's word.
My soul waits for the Lord more eagerly than watchmen for the morning.

“The Gathering”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“The Servant Song”*

#727, vs. 1

Will you let me be your servant?
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace
to let me be your servant too.

CALL TO WORSHIP –

Liturgist: Cindy Rose

(from the Psalm for the day, Psalm 19)

One: How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he
has done!

**All: God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out
in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete
eager to run a race...**

One: The laws of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy.
The commands of the Lord are just and give understanding to the mind.

**All: Reverence for the Lord is good; it will continue forever.
The judgments of the Lord are just...they are more desirable than
the finest gold; they are sweeter than the purest honey...**

**May our words and our thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our refuge and our redeemer!**

HYMN – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

#14

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to us, yearning to have pity on us. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In penitence and faith,
let us confess who we are and what we've done to almighty God.
Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you can turn our worries into wings of joy and our sorrows into songs of thanks, let not our hearts be so troubled by the tragedies of this life's moment that we lose sight of the eternal life in your kingdom. Lord, give comfort and solace to our brothers and sisters who suffer almost unbearable losses every second, minute and hour, in our nation and world. Strengthen our resolve to replace hatred with love, tension with trust, selfishness with caring and community. Heal, O God, all our children, so that those who hate and those who are hurt may grow up in an America and in a world of peace, opportunity and justice. Amen.

(Marian Wright Edelman)

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE PEACE

One: As God is Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with *“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE –

#468, vs. 3

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified.

In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

“Engaging the Word”

Prayer of Illumination:

Liturgist: Cindy Rose

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

One: First Lesson: *Exodus 20:1-17*

pg.58

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

We invite all children & youth to come forward.

RESPONSE –

#453

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God’s word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;

God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

One: Second Lesson: *John 2: 13-22*

pg.989

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “The Ten Commandments: Living Life with Joy”

By: Rev. Joanne Bartel

HYMN – *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”*

#523

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION – Elder: *Dave Langworthy*

Presentation:

One: We attest to these things:

There are a variety of gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit, to be used for the common good.

All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Questions and statements of Installation

“Thanksgiving”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

#70

COMMUNION SERVICE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Living God, you are supreme and holy. You create our world and give Us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

Living God, you are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lives and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

Living God, you are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel, good news in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God.

“Sending”

HYMN – “There Is Now A Creation”

#774

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Janice Park. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6889.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, and she will initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for Forestport Presbyterian church.

STAFF OPENING – Our church has a paid staff opening. We are looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church to wonderful places in worship through music. For inquiries into this position, please e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

BIBLE STUDY – We use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We are exploring and discussing the major themes in Hebrews and relating them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Niccolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome!

Calendar of Events Week of *March 5th - 11th*

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	6:30pm	Presbyterian Women's Group
Tuesday	9:30am	Midweek Faith and Fellowship (Bible Study)
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program - <u>Canceled</u>
	4:30pm-5:30pm	The Weaving Home
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1pm	Caregiver group
	7pm	Session Meeting
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7am-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30 am	10:00 am Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal

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Guest Preacher – Rev. Joanne Bartel
Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich
Organists – Susann Rundell, Josef Kovalovsky
Ushers – Dave & Deb Langworthy, Katie Kelly

Note: For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly
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