

May the grace of Jesus Christ be with you ... **and also with you.** Welcome to worship at Knox Presbyterian Bayfield.

**HYMN Praise God #306**

**CALL TO WORSHIP [responsive]**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **[responsive]**

God of grace and truth, we gather in humility and hope, believing you have the power to change the world for the better. We gather in the belief that no one is beyond your concern, no one is beyond your embrace. Your love astonishes us. We lift our voices together ... **Holy God, you call us to live into your purpose for our lives. Yet, we confess, we turn away from people in need. We confess that we deny and betray you and one another. We seek your forgiveness, merciful God. Guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God's amazing love allows each of us to receive his grace and be at peace with God, with ourselves and with each other. May the peace of Jesus the Christ, which surpasses all understanding, be with you. **And also with you.**

**Hymn Open my eyes that I may see #500**

**Special Music My Little Welsh Home Roy Price**

**To Hear The Word Of God - Prayer For Illumination and Scripture**

God of truth and wisdom, Jesus confronted those who stood against him. Send us your Holy Spirit to hear your truth in his story. Inspire us with his courage and conviction so that we may love you more fully and serve you with wisdom. O holy One, by the power of your Holy Spirit at work in the word read and proclaimed, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you. Amen.

The worship services during the next week will be, less familiar. When we read scripture, it is important to remember that the gospels share individual accounts of time spent with Jesus. Although the gospels are similar, they each have their own story to tell. We have been weaving our way through the gospels of John and Mark on this journey through Lent.

Observing the ritual of the traditions of Holy Week begins with Passion or Palm Sunday, then Maundy Thursday reflects on the foot washing, the shared Passover meal with Jesus and the disciples, and the betrayal of Christ. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus, and, then the joy of resurrection is celebrated on Easter Sunday. Many churches no longer hold

services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Here we observe Good Friday with a service at 11 am.

First we will consider the passage in Isaiah which reveals the impact of being attentive to God.

**Isaiah 50:4–9a [B#681/W#755]**

The word of the Lord.

The prophet wrote that ... morning by morning ... God provides the wisdom and the ability to teach and care for others. God “wakens the ear to listen”. As I read this passage, I wondered how we as a congregation might become more attentive to the many ways in which God speaks to us. The scriptures tell of God speaking to individuals and communities. God spoke to Moses, David, Jonah, the prophets, Mary, the magi, and Paul, and many others. Through centuries history tells of many who experienced a personal relationship with the Spirit of God.

Listen as we hear Mark’s account of Jesus preparing for the cross with prayer and the many ways in which Jesus was abandoned.

**Gospel Mark 14 [B#51 /W#52]**

May God bless our understanding of this, God’s holy word. **The word of the Lord.**

**Hymn I danced in the morning [v 1-3] #250**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO THE LORD**

**Quote** Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us. Rev Dr Kennon Callahan – Pastor, educator, writer

**Doxology** We give Thee but Thine own, What e’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**Blessing of Gifts**

O holy God, in the gift of Jesus you gave for the sake of humanity and all of creation. Bless our gifts with your love so that they accomplish more than we can even imagine. Bless our lives, too, so that what we do and say demonstrates our commitment to follow you. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

In Jesus Christ, O God, you walked among your people reaching out to everyone with mercy and compassion. With gratitude for your mercy and compassion, we lift up all who are suffering.

We pray for those who are unhoused, for all who struggle in this difficult economic environment, and for those who lack access to good care. Embrace them, O God, in your mercy.

We pray for all those who face illness or injury; for those who know death or disaster, fear or failure, for victims of crime, and for those who suffer through the actions of others.

We pray for those who suffer as a consequence of their own actions and choices. Embrace them, O God, in your mercy. Hear us as we pray for all those who are arrogant, for those who live carelessly, and for those who abuse trust and power.

Before we call, you answer, God. Before we speak, you know our voices. Hear our prayers. Loving God, by your Spirit, surround us with strength and love. Equip us to offer support for those who are near to us. Draw near to those who must confront illness, loss, and changing circumstances. We are thankful for healing and we are thankful for the end of suffering. God of compassion, we lift up families who travel the long journey of grief. May your Spirit to linger with Brenda, Faye and family as they mourn John. May their shared memories be a blessing. God of hope, we ask you to linger with all who are dealing with challenges: Renee & Jim; Judith & Gerry; Rob, Valerie, Jim & Jane; Carl; Betty Lou; Ruth; Audrey & Grace; and, Courtney, Gayle & family. We lift up all who are on our hearts as they face immense challenges. O God of hope and new possibility, in Christ you opened the way into the future for us through the power of your redeeming love. Give us the courage we need to face our future, assured of your presence and power to sustain us. We offer all that we are and all that we hope for through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together as his people:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallow'ed 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Special Music      Calon Lân                  Roy Price**

**To Go Forth In God's Name      Commissioning and Benediction**

Go with courage to face the days ahead. May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who lives with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

**Postlude                  Amen**