



Northside Presbyterian Church  
Blacksburg, Virginia  
Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023

Worship Leaders:  
Students from UKirk Campus Ministry  
At Virginia Tech  
And Campus Minister, Rev. Kathy Carpenter

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

GATHERING MUSIC

Chris Smart

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We come to worship.*

**Recognizing the One true God.**

*We come to revel in community.*

**Recognizing each other as beloved children of God.**

*We come to pray.*

**Recognizing the world is not what it should be.**

*We come to sing.*

**Recognizing the power of praise.**

*We come to love.*

**We come to recognize who we are, who God is, and who we are because of God.**

HYMN - *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

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**1 I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,**

and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

**3 There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.**

OPENING PRAYER

Alexandra Dagli

THE TENEBRAE

Chris Smart, Suzanna Long, Sydney Weeks

*Let us pray together:*

**Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.**

Chimes play through once, then all sing:

**Living Water of salvation,  
Be the fountain of each soul;  
Springing up in new creation,  
Flow in us and make us whole. (repeat)**

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH                      Chris Smart

OFFERING OF MUSIC      “*Shepherd Psalm*”                      Adult Choir

GOSPEL \* – Matthew 4:1-11                                      Suzanna Long

SERMON -                                      Wesley Flynn and Erin Freck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                                      Sydney Weeks

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... We join our voices with all these amazing things to  
praise you for the life you give us:*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and  
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: **Loving God, your love is as close to us as our  
own hands and feet. People who need your love are  
as close to us as the people beside us, behind us,  
and in front of us. Send us now into your world to  
love each other, sure that you love us. Show us  
where we are needed and how we can make a  
difference so that the world will be a good place for**

**all your people. We know this is what Jesus wanted.  
Help us live for Jesus wherever we go. Amen.**

HYMN -

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

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**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Refrain:**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)**

**5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship Resource: *The Bread of Life, An All-Age Communion for Lent*, by Nancy Cocks

*Please be in prayer for:*

Revathi Balakrishnan	Herbert Payne	Matthew Harper
Ron Pearson	Susan Dickerson	Larry & Karen Rogers
Norma Williams	Gavin Adams	Pat Robinson
Brenda Payne	Karen McCollum	Olyvia Harter
Charles Allen	Hugh & Candy Springer	Corrie Lawson

Lou Brown

Edd Stoops

Justin Michael

If you have names for the prayer list, please call the church office. We will keep them on the list for one month, unless you ask that we extend them.

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen, Adult Choir (varies)

Audio/Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper, Alex Chaney

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*We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation this morning and extend a special invitation for you to make Northside church your home. Members and visitors, please use prayer request station to alert the church to pastoral needs or concerns.*

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9:00 AM – Noon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

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