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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 63:3-4

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My whole being desires you, like a dry and barren land without water.

Because your love is better than life itself, my lips will give you praise.

I will raise my hands to you in prayer, and praise you with joy.

HYMN GTG #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Dakota hymn | NETTLETON

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PSALTER

Psalm 69:1-5

Save me, O God, for the waters have risen up to my neck.

I am sinking in deep mire, and there is no firm ground for my feet.

I have come into deep waters and the torrent washes over me.

I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed, my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. Must I give back what I never stole?

O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are not hidden from you.

Answer me, Lord, for your love is kind. In your compassion, turn to me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 2:1-12

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among

themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk”? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.’ ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

HOMILY

Discovering a New Way

The Rev. Irv Porter, Associate for Native American Congregational Support

OFFERING

Today’s offering is designated for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. You may make your offering online at www.presbylh.org or by mailing a check to the Presbytery Office.

HYMN GTG #345

In an Age of Twisted Values

EBENEZER

1. In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions, we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.
2. We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.

INTERCESSION FOR LENT

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our intercessions:
For your church around the world, **we ask new life.**
For all who carry out ministries in your church, **we ask grace and wisdom.**
For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, **we ask inspired discipleship.**
For Christians of every land and people, **we ask new unity in your name.**
For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths, **we ask your divine blessing.**
For those who cannot believe, **we ask your faithful love.**
For governors and rulers in every land, **we ask your guidance.**
For people who suffer and sorrow, **we ask your healing peace.**
Hear us as we offer our silent intercessions....

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

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.

RESPONSE GTG #227

Jesus, Remember Me (3x)

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Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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BENEDICTION

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

A brief recess will be observed after the benediction.

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Karen Blatt, Pastor, Kirk of the Lakes Presbyterian Church, Houghton Lake

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