

# Lebanon Reformed Church

*Serving As The Heart of Christ in the Community*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 2014**

*\*Please stand if able.*

*Thomas E. Jones, Pastor*

**Welcome**

**Minute for Mission:** *Dick Kline, Open Cupboard Food Pantry*

**Time of Meditation**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16*

**\*Praise Song:** “The Heart of Worship” (see insert)

## **We Approach God**

**\*Votum and Salutation:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

**People: And our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia!  
We rejoice!**

Leader: Come, Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn of Praise:** #174 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**Prayer of the Day**

**Prayer of Confession:** (in unison)

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love.**

**Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.**

**Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix.**

**Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Leader: Hear the Good News!

Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ,  
And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!  
The old life has gone; A new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen**

**God’s Law:**

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. After he sat  
down his disciples came to him. Then Jesus began to teach them by  
saying:

- All: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.**
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**
- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.**
- “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.**
- “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things about you falsely on account of me.**

\*Gloria Patri #620

**The Word of God**

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer For Illumination**

**Anthem**

**Old Testament: Psalm 103:1-3, 17-22..... Pg 482**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

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**Gospel: John 3:14-21.....Pg 864**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Message: *Is it Love or is it Judgment?***

**\*Hymn of Reflection: #423 “Fill All My Vision”**

**We Respond To God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I invite you to greet one another with the Peace of Christ

**Choral Response** Bless the Lord, My Soul” (2X)

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology #623**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

**\*Hymn of Dedication #413 “Living for Jesus”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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*Depart to serve the Lord in joy and peace.*

**Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship**

If you are visiting for the first time,  
please sign our guest register in the sanctuary foyer.

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| Consistory Greeter: | Deana Van Doren, <i>Deacon</i> |
| Fellowship:         | Nancy McCauley & Jaime DeJesus |
| Flower:             | Nancy McCauley & Jaime DeJesus |
| Music Director:     | Dot Hoeflinger                 |

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| <b>THIS WEEK: 3/31 – 4/6/14</b>          |        |                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY 3/31                              | 7pm    | Bell Choir                                                              |
| WEDNESDAY 4/2                            | 6:30pm | Lenten ecumenical service @ <b>LRC</b><br>Soup then Lecture "Why Serve" |
| THURSDAY 4/3                             | 7pm    | Chancel Choir                                                           |
| SUNDAY 4/6                               | 9:45am | Sunday School + Adult Sunday School                                     |
| <b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN<br/>LENT</b> | 11am   | Worship with Baptism                                                    |

*The 2014 Classis dues per member is \$81.74. Please use the envelope in your box of offering envelopes. You may pay it in whatever breakdown is convenient for you.*

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Dream Dinner** 5-7pm Hunterdon Central High School

Thanks to the students at HCHS for organizing this delicious dinner to raise money and awareness for Family Promise of Hunterdon. This pasta dinner is fabulous, with lots of choices and a chance to enjoy a great meal that YOU don't have to cook! Tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/kids and will be available at the door.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Book Sale** 12-4PM in Fellowship Hall. USED BOOK SALE to benefit OPERATION SHOE BOX for military personnel. Coffee will be served and baked goods will be available. Book donations for the sale can be dropped off in fellowship hall on Sunday mornings beginning March 2. Talk to Dale Webb with questions.

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 9am Pickell Park** (Rte 523 Whitehouse Station) **Walk-A-Thon** Sponsored by Readington Reformed Church and benefitting both RRC and Family Promise of Hunterdon County. Pre-register by April 6<sup>th</sup>- 908-534-2077 or online at [readingtonreformed.org](http://readingtonreformed.org)