

# *Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church*



*Worship for March 17, 2024*

**Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**

**Prelude**

*O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin*

J S Bach

**Meditation (in preparation for worship)**

"For those who believe that Jesus rose from the dead early on a Sunday morning and for those also who believe that he provided food for worms just as the rest of us will, the conclusion is inescapable that he came out somehow the winner. What emerged from his death was a kind of way, of truth, of life, without which the last two thousand years of human history would be even more unthinkable than they are."

Frederick Buechner  
in *Wishful Thinking*

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12:32

"God does some of God's best work with people who are seriously lost."

Barbara Brown Taylor  
in *An Altar in the World*

**Welcome!**

*We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews.  
We hope you will join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*

*\*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print.*

## Call To Worship

I Corinthians 1:22-25

David Hitchcock

Jews want miracles for proof, and Greeks look for wisdom.

But, as for us, we proclaim the crucified Christ,

**A message that is offensive to the Jews and nonsense to the Gentiles;**

But for those whom God has called, both Jews and Gentiles, this message is Christ, who is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom  
and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

**\*Hymn #757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Kingsford

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Mighty God: to you we confess our sins. We confess how blind we are, afraid to ask for our sight in case we should see too well. We confess how headstrong we are, not wanting to even know your will let alone do it. We confess the harm we've done, because of ignorance and stubbornness, to others and ourselves. God, forgive us. Take from our hearts everything that gets in the way of love and everything that cheapens it. Share with us the Spirit and mind of Christ.**

## A Time of Silence

*Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession-confessing  
your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from  
knowing life as God's beloved child.*

## Collect

## Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven  
**Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.**  
The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

## \*Passing the Peace

## \*Gloria #583

*Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!*  
*Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Children's Conversation

## Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me*

## Scripture:

**John 12:20-33**

**David Hitchcock**

**Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in**

**this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.**

**\*Hymn #610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

**A Few Words about Scripture**

**Rev. Hayes**

**Offering**

**Anthem**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

John Ireland,  
arr. James Kirkby

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Dedication**

**Moment for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

**Gary Quirk**

**Announcements**

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from your mouth.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, 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**

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds (insert)*

R V Williams

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*If Thou Wilt Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J S Bach



***Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!***

*If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship  
meaningful and our fellowship inviting.*

*Please reach out to Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.*

## **Church Staff**

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### ***Please keep in your prayers this week:***

- ❖ We pray for the people of Haiti in these chaotic times.
- ❖ We pray for the Palestinian people who are caught in the vicious conflict between Israel and Hamas.
- ❖ We pray for those with Covid, RSV and the flu. We pray for all caregivers in hospitals, urgent care facilities, long-term care facilities and those who provide at-home care.
- ❖ We pray for the Ukrainian and Russian people who continue to endure conflict.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our central New York farms.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons. We pray for the PNC.

## **Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday**, March 24: Service at 10:00 am with distribution of palms, remembering the joyful entry of Jesus to Jerusalem, and the events leading to his crucifixion.

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28: Communion Service at 7:00 pm, remembering Jesus' last supper with his apostles.

**Easter Day**, March 31: Service at 10:00 am to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

## **Announcements**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

The March deadline for donations of non-perishable food items to the food pantry is today. The deacons will be making their delivery tomorrow. As always financial donations to the food pantry are also welcome.

Thank you for your support.

The Deacons

### **SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT**

This afternoon, Sunday March 17 at 4:00pm Schola Cantorum presents

Symphonic Motets: monumental multi-movement Renaissance motets.

Tickets at the door \$20 (seniors \$15, under-30 \$10, students \$5, children free)

### **SAMARITAN CENTER**

Our upcoming serving date is March 23. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the Mission bulletin board in the atrium. Please join us.



**Learning Together with Our Neighbors'** annual day of learning is on April 14th. The theme for the event is "Through Another's Eyes: Being Other in America." The day is a mix of presentations featuring local leaders and small group discussions, topped off by a dinner and a special offering of the African Choir from All Saints Church. Please consider signing up!

To Register: <http://tinyurl.com/LearnTogRegist2024>

For more information contact [jaottman10@gmail.com](mailto:jaottman10@gmail.com)

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2024

The registration link can also be found in Crosscurrents.



## **The Week at Pebble Hill 3/17-3/23**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium</b>
	2:00 pm	Vision and Strategy Meeting – Forum
	4:00 pm	Schola Cantorum Concert – Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	The Master’s Touch Chorale Rehearsal – FH
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>PHPC Women’s Dinner – King David’s</b>
	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts – CE#3
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>PNC – Forum</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	3:00 pm	On Point Español – CE#3
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Session – Forum</b>
	6:30 pm	Syracuse Chorale – FH
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Dewitt Rotary Board Meeting – Commons
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	12:00 pm	Book Club – FH
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – FH
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	10:30 am	Pastor’s Gathering – Lounge
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:**

CRAIG AND KEVIN COBB – USHERS

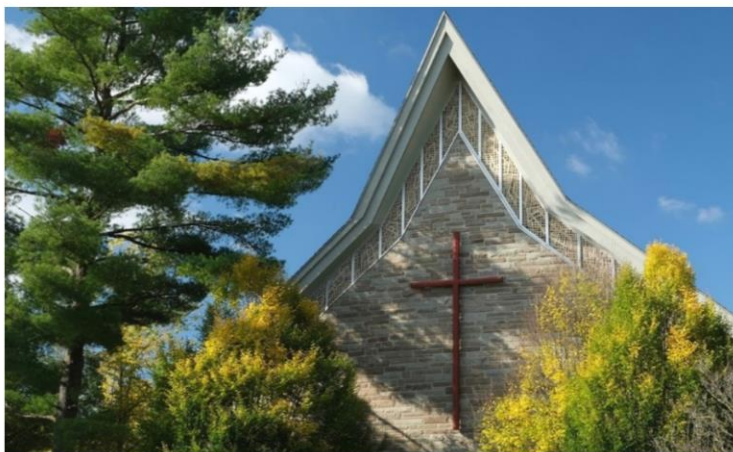
REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR

GLENN ARMSTRONG – ORGANIST

DAVID HITCHCOCK – LITURGIST

*This morning's flowers were given by Deedee Elleman.  
Thank you.*

*THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.*



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