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KCOC = Kenyan Christian Outreach Church

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PCG = Presbyterian Church of Ghana

JFC = Jesus Fellowship Church (Nepalese)



A person who never made a mis-
take never tried anything new. –
Albert Einstein

4th Sunday in Lent

Rev Riz Prakasim

10 March, 2024

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WE ENTER TOGETHER

Prelude

*Emily Urban,
piano*

***Call to Worship**

L: On our worst days,

P: God is good.

L: On our best days,

P: God is good.

L: When life is consistent,

P: God is good.

L: And when life turns on its head,

P: God is good.

L: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

P: God is good. God is here. God is love.

L: Come let us celebrate and worship God!

***Opening Hymn** *O Love, that Wilt Not Let Me Go,*

GTG 833

CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Call to Confession**

There's a moment in our scripture today when Jesus turns to Peter, named "the rock" of the church, and says, "Get behind me, Satan!" I don't know about you all, but that's a pretty bad

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Checks may be made out to NLPC with **OGHS** on the memo line. You may put cash or checks in special giving envelopes and put them in the atrium drop box.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

ICYMI Dates are set for Rosefest 2024: June 24-30, mark your calendars. This year's Party in the Park and fireworks finale, which has historically been held on July 4, will be held on Saturday, June 29.

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Every Meal is back: Schools are opening again and the Every Meal program to fight child hunger is resuming! Each week, New Life Church volunteers partner with St. Timothy Lutheran volunteers to distribute food bags to classrooms at Como Park Elementary, 780 W. Wheelock Pkwy. in St. Paul. You can help by signing up for a 1-hour time slot at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A5AD23A3FC1-every1#/>

Please visit www.everymeal.org for more information about the program or contact Elder Melinda Maurey at mjmaurey@yahoo.com if you have questions about procedures. Thank you for helping the precious children!

A Lenten Devotional, Wandering Heart, is printed and available in the atrium.

How to get our Emails, Newsletters and Bulletins: Send an email to communications@newlifechurchroseville.org that says: "I would like to receive all electronic communications from New Life Church and Vertical Response." That's it! Please reach out if the problem persists.

OGHS begins Feb 14—March 31, 2024, Show your love and give.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS—Presbyterians Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People— all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people safety, sustenance, and hope.

day for Peter. It's a pretty bad day when Jesus calls you Satan! Fortunately, this absurd moment comforts me with the knowledge that even Peter made mistakes. Peter, who was given the keys to Heaven. Peter, Jesus' right-hand man, made mistakes just like me. And still, Jesus chose him.

Knowing that, let us speak honestly with God. For even on our worst days, we belong to God, and that will never change.

Let us pray, first individually in silence, then together as one family in Christ.

***Silence**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels

in, no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God, no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged, or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change — we worship a God of grace. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine. We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven.

Friends believe in the promise of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God!

***Response**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,

GTG 475, v. 1

***Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with the peace of our Lord.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Listening God, If we could attach ourselves to you, we would. We would scribble your scripture onto our tender hearts. We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being. We would bind ourselves to you, but instead, we wander.

So speak clearly to us now. Quiet the distractions long

Through February the operating fund has received \$37,052 in matching gifts. And if donors who pledged fulfill their pledge we will receive an additional \$11,075 in matching gifts. There is \$50,000 in matching gift funds available. So, we are very, very close to earning ALL of that \$50,000. If you haven't already done so, please consider increasing your giving over what you gave in fiscal 2023 and put us over the top!

Blood Drive coming up March 18: Our next blood drive is less than a month away, scheduled on March 18, 2024, from 1:00 - 7:00 pm in the Great Room. Please consider signing up to donate that day, and invite friends and neighbors to also donate. It would be great if we could fill up the schedule for that day. In our neighborhoods, there are still patients having surgery, others who are victims of accidents or burns, who need a ready supply of blood.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Online, use the code NLP to navigate directly to our blood drive. If you have questions, please contact Ed Galle (eg.galle@gmail.com) or Cynthia Erickson (cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com).

March 17 pulpit swap with Pastor James here preaching and Pastor Riz at North Church.

UPDATED Per Capita Amount For 2024 is \$38.50.

Esther Circle Update: Anybody interested in joining Esther Circle Women's Bible Study is welcome. We will be meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month via Zoom our next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2023 at 6:30p– 8p contact Carole Rust for more info or to sign up.

Postlude

Emily Urban,
piano

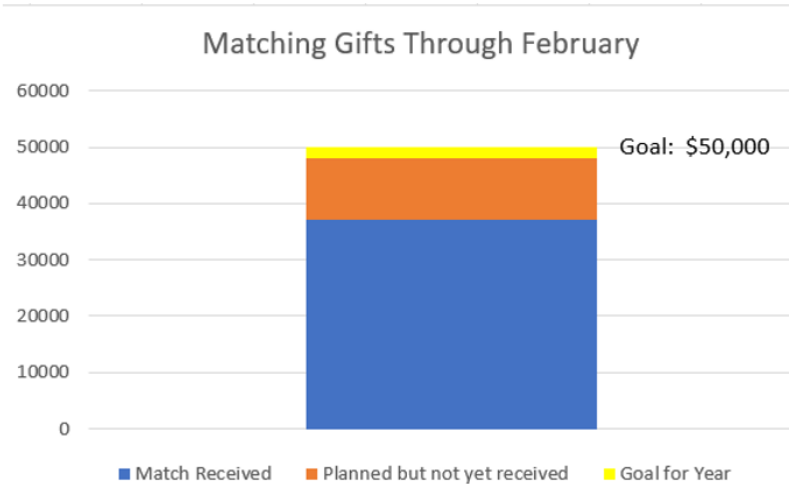
GOOD NEWS

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

Liturgist Jan Cryer
Greeter Mary Barraclough
Tech William Schoon
Music: Emily Urban, piano

[Matching Gifts Through February](#): Inching towards the goal! All we need is a few more donors to join those who have already planned increased donations.

Donors who increase their stewardship giving this year will have their increase matched dollar for dollar! The increased giving and matching gifts will come close to totally eliminated the operating fund deficit that had been projected for fiscal 2024.



enough for us to affix ourselves to your good news. We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Matthew 16:21-23
Message The Ways That Seem Right
Rev. Riz Prakasim

RESPONDING IN JOYFUL SERVICE

***Hymn of the Day** *The Way, Original Hymn*
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***Affirmation of Faith**
I believe in a God of second chances,
a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.
I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.
Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the

impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

Morning Prayer 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Offertory

Emily Urban,

piano

***Sanctus**

GTG 562

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered and all the people here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation and world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision,

GTG 450

***Benediction**

Go in peace, embraced by the love that pursued Peter, the love that pursues us all, the never-ending love of God.

Like Peter, we often stray, our hearts wandering away from the path of divine love.

In his love and grace, Jesus corrected Peter, not with anger, but with a call to set his mind on divine things, not earthly.

We are grateful for God's gentle guidance, pulling us back when we wander, setting our minds and hearts on what truly matters.

Let us embrace the love of God that seeks us out, the peace of Christs that calms storms and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that refuses to abandon us.

May we find comfort in the relentless love of God, a love that never gives up and never runs dry.

As we depart from here, let us carry this truth in our hearts: our missteps are never too great for God's grace.

We go forth, renewed and reassured by God's unwavering love and grace. Amen.