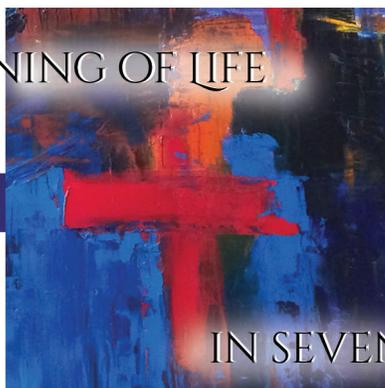


# THE MEANING OF LIFE



## ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LENT 2020

IN SEVEN WORDS

MARCH 22, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*All worshippers are encouraged to find a quiet and comfortable space to participate in worship in their homes. Additionally you may adorn this space with a table cloth, a candle, a cross or other religious symbol, flowers, or a Bible, to further delineate this space as one of spiritual reflection and worship.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### VOLUNTARY

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 23)*

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord; to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgement on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

#### SILENT REFLECTION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 23)*

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

#### HYMN 475

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

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**(1)** Come thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

**(2)** Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I'm come.  
And I hope by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,  
he to rescue me from danger  
interposed his precious blood.

**(3)** O to grace, how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
He's my heart; O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

MORNING PSALM  
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  
SERMON  
GLORIA PATRI

Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:4-9  
Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
GLORIA PATRI

“Do Not Worry”  
“Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and every shall be. World without end! Amen.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

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**(1)** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.  
*(refrain) This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

**(2)** Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
*(refrain)*

**(3)** Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
*(refrain)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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