

Announcements *Please see insert.*

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing* Maria Gagliardi

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Joshua 15: 9 – 12

Anthem "Stay With Me" Ruth Elaine Schram

2nd Reading The Gospel of Luke 15: 1-3; 11b - 32

Sermon "Stepping Up to the Plate"

*** Hymn #80** *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Music

***Doxology #592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn #411** *Arise Your Light Has Come*

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Choral Response**

Postlude **All that are able please stand.*

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Palisades, New York 10964
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*We are a Christian community welcoming all,
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Welcomes You
On This
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Prelude "Meditation" by M. Shapiro

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 32)

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

All: Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful, offer prayer to you;

All: At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

Leader: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: Amen.

***Hymn 326:** *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Patient God, how trying we must be.

We have been in the far country lost in our sin

Distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach.

Yet something is calling us back and we hope to return to you.

We're just not sure about the details.

Yet, before we can work out what to say,

you are running to us.

Before we can voice our confession,

Your arms are around us, welcoming us home.

Your forgiveness astounds us.

Help us to believe it is so,

for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

One: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

All: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen

Hymn #316

Breathe on me, breath of God

Fill me with life anew

That I may love what Thou dost love

And do what thou wouldst do

We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace