

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Speaker- Rev. Chris Giesler Music Director – Mr. Dylan Sauerwald

***Indicates everyone who is able is invited to stand**

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here as we gather to worship and make our spiritual journey through this Season of Lent. It is a journey for the soul that will take us through the Wilderness of Temptation to the fellowship of the Last Supper, to the agony of the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. So, let us turn our hearts toward God who can calm our storms, restore our hope, and guide us on our journey.

*As you prepare for worship, please remember to
silence your cell phone. Thank You.*

We invite you to spend a few moments in silence and prayer.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14

A Prayer as you Prepare: “*Merciful God, you hear the cries of the disenfranchised, abandoned, and bone-dry. In the good measure of your wondrous love, strengthen and inspire us to press onward with courage and hope for the sake of justice and peace. Amen.*” (Daily Text)

PRELUDE

*HYMN “God of the Sparrow” **MBW #462**

*A LITANY

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament: **Isaiah 43:16-21** **Page 746**

The New Testament: **Philippians 3:4b-14** **Page 211**

The Gospel: **John 12:1-8** **Page 109**

CHOR ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON “True Worship Brings True Service” **Rev. Chris Giesler**

HYMN “I Am Thine, O Lord” **MBW #607**

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Response: “Hear Our Prayer O Lord...” **MBW #825**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God....” **MBW #817**

PRAYER

* HOLY COMMUNION

MBW Page 196

“In Celebration of the Atonement”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments,
And our fellowship meal and Lenten film series
at the conclusion of our service.*

*A LITANY

Leader: Week after week, season after season, we return to this place;

People: To the House of the Living God.

We come here to sing, to praise, to pray;

To rest in the warm embrace of our faith family.

To hear, to be reminded, to be challenged;

**To unburden ourselves and to drink long from
the well of God's refreshing presence.**

We hear the call to run the race of faith,

**But too often it feels like we are simply in the rat race
of daily routines and obligations.**

Trudging, plodding, struggling, surviving,

O Lord, this is our life.

We forget, that You are the Living God, the author of life,

The God Who gives rest, and peace, and abundant life.

We trudge,

But You empower us to live triumphantly,

We struggle,

But You empower us to be people of strength,

We plod,

But You encourage us to press on.

Ultimately, we come here, because we belong here,

For we are the people of God.

Come, with earnest and humble hearts, let us move past
form and format, to worship and experience God in this place.

**And refresh us O God that we might become strong,
strong enough to climb any hill, bear any load, or run
any distance that life may demand.**

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we often look at life as a series of competitions in which we
vie not only for recognition from one another, but also recognition
and validation from You. So many times, we mistakenly think that
it is completely up to us to finish this race of life – especially when
the struggles of life overwhelm us. Forgive us for those times, O**

**Lord, when we look only to our own strength. Remind us when
life becomes difficult, when we struggle with our fears, when we
are dealing with the realities of war, disease and death, that You
are there to restore us and to give us strength.**

**You, O Lord, are with us through Your Holy Spirit, to empower us
and to keep us faithful to You. Continue, O God, to instill within
us that faith and trust. Amen.**