

Greenhills Community Church, Presbyterian

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The 4th Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Monnie Caine

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[* At this sign, rise in body or in spirit; **bold text** indicates congregation's responses.]

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Lee Sanders

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance.
God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to
what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

***Hymn # 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Call to Reconciliation

How quickly we notice the mistakes of others, but never see our own faults! Before we judge others,
we need to pray that our blindness might be healed by God's gracious love. Please join me as we
pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

**God our Great Shepherd: it is easy for us to lose sight of your kingdom, and your way for
us. We hope that love conquers hate, that light shines in our shadows, that life is stronger
than death—yet our lips are filled with bitter words, our lives are weak and shallow, the
shadowed corners of the world beckon to us.**

**Have mercy on us and lead us to the still waters of your grace and the healing garden of
your heart, Tender Shepherd. Restore our sight to see you living with us, restore our hope
that we might trust you, restore our speech that we might praise you for your great gift to
us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

With a gentle touch, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with the joy of love, God reaches out to
forgive us and make us whole.

**Touch us, eternal Spirit; heal us, Light of Love; fill our lives with new meaning, God of joy,
as we receive your forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

NRSV OT, p. 501

Musical Offering

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

NRSV NT, p. 102

Sermon

How Do the Blind See?

Rev. Monnie Caine

***Hymn # 314**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

Offertory

***Doxology #606**

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 # 192**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Postlude

Participants:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Monnie Caine

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Sound: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

Liturgist: Lee Sanders

Ushers: Chris and Mary Newcomer

Greeters: Chris and Rudy Visnich

Counters: Chris Newcomer, Cliff Kizuka

We are grateful to have the Reverend Monnie Caine with us this morning! Monnie Caine was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has previously worked as a hospice chaplain in South Carolina and served as the pastor of the Normandy Presbyterian Church in Normandy, Tennessee before moving to Cincinnati in 2014. She was a chaplain with Hospice of Cincinnati for 6 years before moving into her current role as a Grief Counselor at the Goldstein Grief Center which is part of Hospice of Cincinnati. She is married to the Reverend Stephen Caine, and they have 3 children, ages 23, 21, and 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

TODAY

Fellowship time downstairs after the service. *Coffee, Conversations, & Christianity* will meet today after Fellowship, in Room 209. Episode 4 of *The Chosen* will be shown. If you have not seen others, you can still enjoy this one (after all, you know the story!).

Please sign up for the **Rumpke Recycling Facility tour**. It's Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30. The signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall.

Please turn in your flower order for Easter as soon as possible (see form at the back of the bulletin).

CALENDAR FOR THIS LENTEN WEEK

Monday, March 20—First Day of Spring!

- PNC, 1:30 p.m.
- AA, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 p.m., Room 210
- *Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m., Room 110*
- Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
- *Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, March 22

- Tai Chi, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Viewing and discussion of *The Chosen* (episode 1.7) Bring your own lunch, dessert will be provided.
- *Support group, 6:00-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call 513-909-4242 or message at Stephencbenoit@outlook.com)*
- *AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209*
- *Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210*
- *Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, March 23

- 6:00 pm, Room 210—Simple Supper and Lenten study. You only need to bring an open heart!

Friday, March 24

- *Hilltop Artists, 10:00 a.m., Room 210*
- *AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209*

Saturday, March 25

- *Pro Bono Counseling, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204*

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Order flowers to decorate the sanctuary as we celebrate the risen Christ on April 9. Flowers are \$15.00 each and checks should be made payable to GCCP – please write “FLOWERS” on the memo line. Place your order in the offering plate this morning, or phone your order to either Mary Newcomer or the GCCP Office by March 26. Please make payment for your order by the end of March. Thank you!

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IN HONOR OF _____

Type of Flower	Cost	Quantity	Total Due
Easter Lily	\$15.00/Each	_____	_____
Tulips	\$15.00/Each	_____	_____

