

Help us, Lord, that we may be able to stand up against any injustice. **Hear us we pray.**

We are glad to be your people as we all come together with one voice, answering and making a commitment that we will not keep quiet if there is injustice, but we will stand up and do your work of love, peace, and reconciliation. As you have called us to be one, we recommit ourselves to this calling as we pray the prayer which Jesus taught us to pray:

The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtor)

Scripture:

Sermon “Nehemiah: In The Face of Opposition”

Hymn “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*” **GTG#339**

Postlude “*Lord God of Hosts*” T. Morley

Benediction

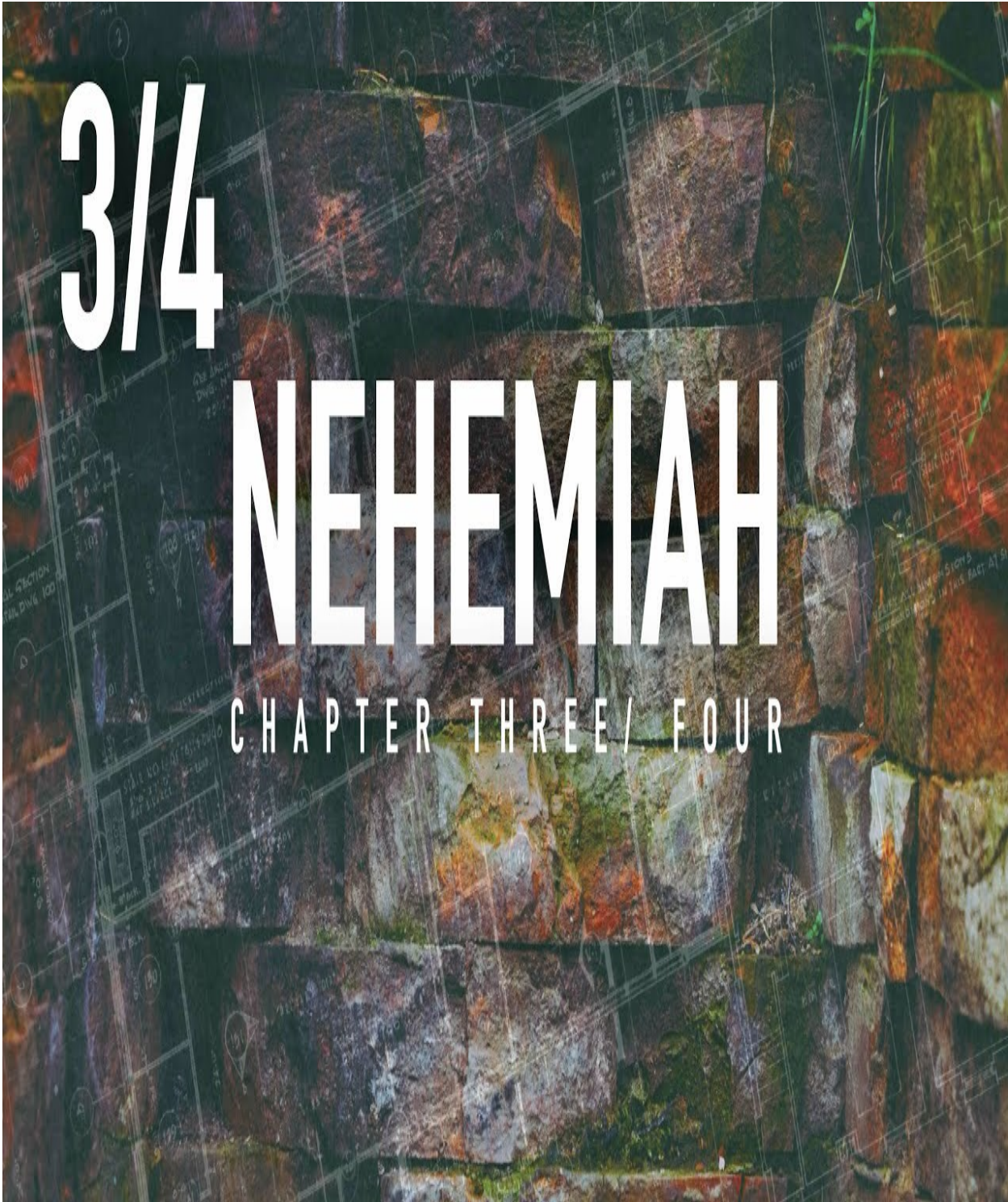
Sending Forth

Go forth as in the name of Christ. Fulfill your task as ambassadors, and lead the world to justice and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
Eddie Blount	Sound
Bernadine Hayes	Liturgist
Kathy Dolianitis	Time for Young Disciples
Barry Cutright	Security, side door & offering
Susan Mathena	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School



First Presbyterian Church

February 20, 2022

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please stand as you are able.**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Prelude in C"* J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Invocation (Unison)

God of love, peace, and unity, we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are; for making us equal as your children from all corners of the earth; and for giving us your blessings as your children; and for making us belong. We pray that you help us realize that we are all made in your image, and we need to bring peace to all your creation as one people who belong to you. We ask all this through Christ our brother. Amen.

***Hymn** *"O God Of Every Nation"* **GTG#756**

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we thank you for calling us to you, from all corners of the world, to come home to belong. We appreciate your love that embraces all of us. We thank you that we are all one in you. We thank you for your faithfulness and justice.

When we were aliens and foreigners you welcomed us. We thank you for calling us to your ministry, to live and do your work with the mind of Christ. Remind us that we are here to fulfill your calling to serve. Help all we do be done for love.

During this year's Black History Month, we want to draw closer to you as we make a commitment to go into the world as agents of your justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Gracious God, we need your help to do your work and fulfill this task you have given us. We are proud to be part of the church that is serving you.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ—

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

***Response** *"Gloria Patri"* **GTG#581**

A Time for Young Disciples

Offering Prayer/Collection

Gracious and loving God, the giver of all things, we thank you that we are able to come to you in joy and celebration. We offer ourselves and all that we have to you knowing that all of what we have comes from you. Bless these offerings that they may be used to enlarge your kingdom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *"Give Me Jesus"*

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

Faithful God, we thank you that we are known by you. And you have called us to go into the world to do your work. **Lead us we pray.**

You called us to love and be loved as we do justice in your field. **Help us we pray.**

We come in humility asking that you will give us courage and wisdom to become ambassadors of your peace and reconciliation. **Hear us we pray.**

You made us like you and called us to be unique. As you look at us you see the same people you created in your image. **Help us we pray.** **(Continues)**

Announcements

Mission Committee will meet Sunday February 20th at 9:00 a.m.

February 20th—Laser tag at LazerX in Burlington after church—Youth

Property Committee meets Tuesday February 22nd at 7:00p.m.

Membership Committee will meet Wednesday February 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

CE Committee will meet Monday February 28th at 4:30 p.m. in Westminster.