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## Mister Rogers Day

March 20, 2024

7:00 PM

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*As we gather... I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you  
 I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you  
 So let's make the most of this beautiful day  
 Since we're together, we might as well say  
 Would you be mine?  
 Could you be mine?  
 Won't you be my neighbor?*

Mister Rogers song

**PRELUDE**

*A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood*

Fred M. Rogers

**WELCOME**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Someday, the house of God  
will stand on the highest mountain.

**People will come from every place  
to learn how to walk in God's path.**

God will show us what is fair  
and put an end to our fighting.

**People will turn their old weapons  
into new tools for growing food.**

Come, people of God:  
**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*O God, We Rage at Hurtful Things*

**687 (Tune)**

Text: Copyright © 2005 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(Tune: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")

O God, we rage at hurtful things  
Beyond our own control,  
Like all the pain that illness brings  
To body, mind and soul.

There's much we cannot understand;  
O Lord, we ask you, "Why?"  
And yet in Christ you know firsthand  
The tears your people cry.

O Christ, your loving, saving touch  
Heals children, women, men.  
We pray for ones we love so much;  
Lord, make them whole again.

And when the journey seems too rough  
And you seem far away,  
Remind us, Lord: You are enough  
To bring us through each day.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we share Jesus' baptism, we know that nothing—not even sin and death—can separate us from God's love. Trusting in God's love, let us make our confession before God and one another, praying together. . .

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But, if we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts.

. .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

**KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

**551**

Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## 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.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all beauty, goodness, and truth, open our hearts to your Word and guide our feet by your Spirit, so we can shout and sing from the mountaintops the good news of your peace; through Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34 NRSV

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;”<sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”<sup>31</sup> The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’<sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”;<sup>33</sup> and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:15 NRSV

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*(Silent Meditation)*

## + HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors*

Text: David Gambrell, 2022

Music: Wil Smith, 2022

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# Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

*A Hymn for Mr. Rogers Day / Neighboring Sunday*



*instrumental interlude*

1. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors,  
2. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors,  
3. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors,



liv - ing, lov - ing side by side, hands for help - ing  
giv - ing, serv - ing those in need, mak - ing peace and  
work - ing, pray - ing for the day when the Lamb will



one an - oth - er, arms of wel - come, o - pen wide.  
do - ing jus - tice, shar - ing faith in word and deed.  
be the Shep - herd, when our tears are washed a - way.



Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us  
Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us  
Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us



all to be chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion,  
all to be chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion,  
all to be chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion,



joined in true com - mu - ni - ty.  
where we are one fam - i - ly.  
sing - ing praise in har - mo - ny.

*instrumental interlude*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Instructions:* Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row. Know that ALL are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### + COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music During Communion	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	507
	<i>We Gather Here in Jesus' Name</i>	510

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

### + SENDING HYMN

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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**+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Please leave prayerfully and in silence.*

**+ Please rise in body or in spirit.**

**March 20**

**Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM**

**Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM**

**Creative Kids Club 7:00 PM**

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM**

**March 24, 2024 Palm-Passion Sunday**

**One worship service - 10 AM**

**252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM**

**March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM**

**March 29, 2024 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday Worship - Communion**

**Traditional Worship Service 8:30 AM**

**252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45/11:15 AM**

**Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM**

**252 Kids Club 9:45 AM**

**Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM**

**Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 AM Worship Service**

"The Holy Spirit translates our best efforts into what needs to be communicated to that person in his or her place of need."

-Fred Rogers

