



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren't sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Beth Merrill Neel)*

Come, you who thirst for grace.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

Come, you who are like a child at home.

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

We have come to worship God.

Come; let us worship God together.

SONG - God, Give Me Faith like a Child

God, give me faith like a child-
faith of hows, and whats, and whys;
faith that wonders, laughs, and cries;
faith to grow, explore, and find
all that moves my searching mind-
God, give me faith like a child.

God, give me hope like a child-
hope of daydreams and delight;
hope that seeks beyond my sight;
hope that sings in spite of fear
when the future isn't clear-
God, give me hope like a child.

God, give me love like a child-
love of overflowing grace;
love that's eager to embrace;
love that calls to dance and play
ev'ryone who comes my way-
God, give me love like a child.

SONG OF CONFESSION - Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG - In Labor All Creation Groans

In labor all creation groans
'til fear and hatred cease,
'til human hearts come to believe
in Christ alone is peace.

Refrain

Be our peace,
be our peace,
be our peace,
Christ, our peace.

In labor all creation groans
'til war and violence cease,
'til swords are beaten into plows
and Christ will be our peace.

In labor all creation groans
'til prejudice shall cease,
'til ev'ry race and tribe and tongue
in Christ will live in peace.

In labor all creation groans
'til false divisions cease,
'til enemies are reconciled
and Christ alone their peace.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

PSALM LESSON - Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Mackenzie Mahon

RESPONSE

SONG* - Everlasting God

The Lord is my light and salvation,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I be afraid?

I will wait on you,

I will wait on you.

I will trust in you,

I will trust in you.

I will remain confident in this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front or back rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SONG - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There's a welcome for the sinner
and more graces for the good.

There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

There's no place where earthen sorrow
is felt more than in heav'n.

There's no place where earthly failings
have forgiveness freely giv'n.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed.

There is joy for all the members
in the sorrow of the head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful
we should take Christ at his word,
and our lives would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

CHARGE/BENEDICTION*