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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

The Gathering of God's People

Leader: Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path.

People: Help us to study your way and follow your teaching until we know the true Light who has come into the world and will come again in glory; Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture: John 3:1-7

Personal Prayer: Holy Spirit of God, invisible like the wind, we do not see you moving among us, but the effect we see-come to our hearts: that we might be renewed and reborn. Open our minds: that we may perceive your kingdom. Lift up our eyes to where the cross of Christ stands for our healing: so may we believe and in believing not die; but have eternal life; through him who in your love for us, you sent into the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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10:30 AM

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Choral Introit

“Opening Prayer”

Dello Joio

* **Call To Worship** *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it! Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

Leader: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we rescued and healed.

People: Give thanks to God for God’s unending love. Let us worship God together.

* **Sharing the Peace of Christ** (“May the peace of Christ be with you...”)

* **Prayer of Invocation** *(The congregation uniting)*

We praise you loving and eternal God for you love of all people expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for his commitment to justice, his zeal for true worship of you and his willingness to replace all other sacrifices with the sacrifice of his own life. In his name we offer you our worship. Amen.

* **Hymn #483 (v.1-2)**

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

Liebster Jesu

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us a promise of a new future, we complain that you don’t get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn’t enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In your name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession *(Please take time to be personal and specific. . .)*

Words of Assurance

Choral Response

“O Lord, We Trust Alone in Thee”

Handel

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Responsive Psalm

Psalm 121

O.T., p. 534
Irish melody
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

Still be my vi - sion, O — Rul - er of all.



Refrain

I lift up my eyes to the hills -- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Refrain.

Scripture Readings

John 3: 1-17
Genesis 12:1-4a

N.T., p. 81
O.T., p. 9

Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

Stainer

Parable Time

Sermon

“Journeying with Jesus: Onward and Upward”

Rev. Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in haven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen!

* **Hymn No. 581**

“Glory be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

- * **Hymn No. 618** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” *Deo Gracias*
- Ritual of Friendship**
- Moment for Mission** Urban Promise Lori McClain
- The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**
- Offertory Solo “A Simple Song” *Bernstein*
- * Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

WE BEAR GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

- * **Hymn No. 209** “My Song is Love Unknown” *Love Unknown*
- * **Charge and Benediction**
- Choral Dismissal** “Closing Prayer” *Bernstein*
- Postlude**

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Participants in Today’s Service

Worship Assistant: Marty Beech

Cantor and Soprano Soloist: Genna Hahn

The flowers on the retable are dedicated by Josh and Brenda Boucher in honor of loved ones.