

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016

### Pre-Service Music

**THEME:** Jesus binds himself closely with us, his followers.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

#### **A WORD ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

P: As a deer pants for flowing streams,

**C: so my soul pants for you, O God.**

P: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

**C: When shall I come and appear before God?**

P: My tears have been my food day and night,

**C: While they say continually to me, "Where is your God?"**

P: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

**C: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God.**

*Psalm 42:1-4*

#### **CONFESSING TO GOD**

P: We are gathered here today to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and sing His praises. In today's service we will receive the forgiveness of our sins as we kneel at the altar and receive the body and blood of Jesus. Let us first begin by thinking about our unworthiness and how we have fallen short in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. During this moment of silence we reflect upon our need for God's help.

#### *Silent Reflection*

P: We confess.....

**C: Lord, we have not placed our relationship with You as the main priority in our life. We have been distracted with the busyness of life. And then when times have gotten difficult, we have failed to remember how You will care for us. We confess that we have not loved you above all things. But we seek a change and that is why we are here today. Forgive us, renew us, so that we might delight in You.**

P: Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me". This was a challenge by Jesus to us. Yet, this is also good news. Jesus did deny himself setting aside his desires. Jesus did take up his cross and die for us. Because of Jesus' work, I announce God grace to you today. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## OPENING HYMN

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray.....

C: Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15

#### *Jeremiah is sentenced to death by his own people*

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

### New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

#### *Paul invites his followers to imitate him in standing firm*

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON SONG "Red Book" 115 Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel,  
God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd  
Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation,  
King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
The way the truth, and the Life,  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

[Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35](#)

*Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem to be with the people*

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**SERMON**

**"Solidarity"**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

(We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.)

**PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Choir - SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Celtic Communion**

**By Mark Hayes**

**Blessing of Communion Ware**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF CONSECRATION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Green Book" 460

#### I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only you;  
Trusting you for full salvation,  
Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon;  
At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting you to make me holy  
By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me;  
You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

“Red Book” 23

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather,  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

**A CLOSING BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**