

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*I Shall Not Abandon God*

*Buxtehude*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: During the season of Lent, we worship while remembering Jesus' death in love for us and all people.

**All: Lent is a time of tears.**

One: But out of tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, life restored, and hope renewed.

**All: We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out of death. Let us worship with reverence. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing

While millions join the theme, I will sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are reluctant to move forward into an uncertain future. The past appears pleasant in comparison with a future that is unknown. We too often meet pressing human need with fear and pain and inaction. Forgive us for falling short, yet again. Send us your Spirit to help us discover the gifts of power, talent, and energy which you give us, and then to motivate us to use them that we might bring healing to a broken world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us.

**All: In the cross, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our failures.**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace!

**All: Thanks be to God forever more! Amen!**

RESPONSE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting or emailing a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

***O Love***

*Elaine Hagenberg*

O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give the back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give the back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow shall  
richer, fuller be.

O Love, that will not let me go.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 6:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Sarah Morgan**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Vision Statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church

**Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

*Oh People, Mourn your Great Sins*

*J. S. Bach*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF SENDING

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace**

**We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace**

**May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend**

**Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth**

**Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth**

**Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old**

**Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life**

**that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife**

**Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase**

**Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Litanies*

*Jehan Alain*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Kim Elrod, Alex Robinson, the Wilson family, Patsy Wright, Derryl Kasler,  
Peter Douglas Hamilton, Amy Cross, and Aggie Bell.

\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.  
*Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Babe and Jack Meyer, Anne and Jack Farmer, and Anne's 2nd husband Terrell McWhirter by Mary and Dean Farmer.

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Mar 21	Acts 6:1-7	Choosing Deacons
Mar 28	Acts 6:8-8:3	Stephen's Martyrdom
Apr 1	Acts 8:4-25	The Gospel Isn't for Sale (Maundy Thursday)
Apr 4	Acts 8:26-40	The Ethiopian Eunuch

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE:** At their recent meeting, the Session decided to wait until its March meeting before determining the timetable for returning to in-person worship. Therefore, we will continue virtual worship only at least through the end of March.

**PASTOR TIM REYNOLDS WILL BE ON VACATION** March 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LENTEN CONCERTS FOR REFLECTION:** Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent, a Lenten concert for reflection will be posted to our YouTube channel and to the home page of our website. Our Director of Music & Arts, Matt Mimbs is coordinating the concerts for the congregation featuring musicians from our congregation and from the community. Each concert is 20-30 minutes in length. We hope that this helps you in your Lenten journey.

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE** is on our website under the 'Members' tab. The password to access this area is the same as for the directory on the old site. Please contact the church office if you need it.

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are excited and looking forward to coming back to "in person" worship in the near future. We are in need of 2 volunteers on Sunday mornings for the Nursery and Toddler/Preschool classes. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Holly Grimm at [hgrimm@2ndpres.org](mailto:hgrimm@2ndpres.org) or 865-243-6353.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim is currently leading us in a study of *The Book of Confessions*. A new lesson is posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday. We invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

**HABITAT BUILD POSTPONED:** Due to permitting delays beyond the control of Habitat or any of our building partners it has been necessary to postpone the start of our build from its previously scheduled start date of March 20<sup>th</sup>. A new start date has not been chosen yet. If you have previously volunteered, you do not need to do anything at this time. Once a new start date has been announced we will notify you so that you can volunteer for the new build dates. If you have questions you can contact Joe Clarke at either [jclarke859@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke859@gmail.com) or (865) 335-0421.

## STEWARDSHIP

**A CHURCH WORKDAY** will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please see the Friday email for more details.