

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE While Jesus was on the Cross J. S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 121

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: We lift our eyes to the hills – from where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord is our keeper; God protects us, heart and soul.

All: Whether coming or going, we are safe in God's keeping.

One: Our journeys have brought us here to lift our voices in praise.

All: We will worship our Creator all the days of our lives.

HYMN Church of God, Beloved and Chosen NETTLETON

Sung to the tune of Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Church of God, beloved and chosen, Church of God for whom he died

Claim your gifts and praise the Giver, you are washed and sanctified

Know the purpose of your calling, show to all God's mighty deeds

Tell of love which knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs

Church of God, beloved and chosen, not through effort of your own

God has called you out of darkness by the power of grace alone

Let God's light so shine around you that his name is glorified

Let all find their hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified

Church of God, beloved and chosen, by the Spirit's gift of love

God has brought you home in mercy, God has birthed you from above

Let God's love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care

That they, too, may know his welcome and his countless blessings share

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand this new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to renew our understanding of a life in Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us!

All: For that reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

One: Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

RESPONSE What Wondrous Love Is This #215, v. 2

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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

During peak flu season, if you feel more comfortable passing the peace with a fist bump, elbow bump, or a simple nod of the head, please feel free to do so.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – UKirk @ UTK Rev. Rachel Penmore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters #490

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 p. 806 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The Earth Is the Lord's Hallquist/Harlan

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

the earth is the Lord's, and all who live in it.

Founded upon the sea, He built it upon the waters.

Let all creation in glad adoration proclaim to all nations, "The earth is the Lord's."

Who may ascend to the hill of the Lord?

Who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands, he who has pure heart.

He who is faithful, he who is holy may ascend to the hill of the Lord,

may stand in His holy place for the Lord is great, He is greatly to be praised

and His truth endureth to all generations!

Lift up your heads for the King of Glory,

Lift up your gates that He may come in!

Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, Jehovah Almighty!

Lift up your heads, lift up your gates for the King of Glory shall come in!

Jehovah, King of Glory, shall come in!

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17 p. 93 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Second Helvetic Confession (1561)

God, who is rich in mercy, freely cleanses us from our sins by the blood of his Son, and in him adopts us to be his children, and by a holy covenant joins us to himself, and enriches us with various gifts, that we might live a new life. All these things are assured by baptism. For inwardly we are regenerated, purified, and renewed by God through the Holy Spirit.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory My Song is Love Unknown arr. Burkhardt

Doxology We Give Thee but Thine Own #708, v. 1

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF SENDING O Christ, the Great Foundation #361

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE The God of Abraham Praise

POSTLUDE Jesus, Lover of My Soul arr. Bednall

THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Rachel Penmore – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bonnie (H) and Joe Beals, Kathy Thomas, and Brent Walther

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME RACHEL PENMORE AS OUR LITURGIST.

Rachel is the campus minister for UKirk at the University of Tennessee. Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, she loves calling Tennessee home! She grew up in the Presbyterian church and spent every summer working at camp and conference centers. She received her B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Queens University in Charlotte, NC and her M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA. Rachel has served in many different ministry contexts, including Yellowstone National Park, Travis Airforce Base, hospital chaplaincy, and the traditional church. Rachel is married to John, who is finishing school at Tennessee State University with a degree in education. They love any chance to be out in God's creation, hiking, climbing, kayaking and throwing the frisbee for their dog Frank.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary:

Mar 15 John 4:5-42 Does God Still Love Me, Even Though...?

Mar 22 John 9:1-41 Does God Still Work Miracles?

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available from an usher, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & ACTIVITIES: Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. This week's meal will be pork tenderloin, salad, sweet potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and rolls.

FOOD & FRIENDS: All young adults and college students are invited to join Food & Friends each Sunday following worship. The hosts this Sunday are **Ileen and Jimmy Cheek**. If you would like to sign up to host, look for the sign-up link in the weekly email newsletter or contact Sarah Morgan at smorgan@2ndpres.org.

DURING PEAK FLU SEASON not everyone may be comfortable shaking hands during the Passing of the Peace. If you haven't been feeling well and don't want to endanger others, or if you are especially susceptible to illness and would rather not shake hands, please feel free to pass the peace verbally, with an elbow bump, or just put your hands in your pockets and nod your head as you greet one another.

DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Growth Opportunities @ 2nd

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Book of Judges – 6:05 p.m. (FH)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Faith Science & the Future (Rm 221) – Current Events through a faith lens
Bible Discovery Class (Barbour Room) – *This Present Word* curriculum
9th-12th Grade (Youth Room) – Waffles & The Word
6th-8th Grade (Rm 206) – Bible Stories & activities

YOU ARE INVITED to UKirk @ UTK's Silent Auction event on April 17th from 1-8pm. We will have themed baskets, photography sessions, art, and other items to bid on. There will be light refreshments and a chance to hear from Rev. Rachel Penmore and students about UKirk during the evening programming. We hope you will come out and support this event at UKirk, 1831 Melrose Avenue. If you have any questions or would like to donate items to the auction, please contact Jaclyn Beeler at jaclyn@ukirkutk.org. Thank you all for your continued support of UKirk @ UTK!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) will be a part of the recovery process following Monday night's storms in Middle Tennessee. In addition to key responders like the Red Cross and FEMA, PDA works with other faith-based partners. PDA's core budget, including staff and administrative costs, receives funding through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, typically received on Easter Sunday. Its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts. If you would like to make a special contribution toward the Nashville recovery efforts, you may designate your check by noting **PDA account DR000015 in the memo line**, or by donating online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/>.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 8th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Food & Friends

Monday, March 9th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th

10:30 a.m. PW Bible Study
11:45 a.m. PW Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Planned Giving Committee
6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, March 11th

4:00 p.m. Line Dancing
4:30 p.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:05 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Food & Friends

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will never be cancelled due to weather, but please use good judgment if the roads are icy or snowy. Wednesday activities follow the Knox County School System for closings. Committee meetings and other activities will be the decision of the chairperson or person in charge of the activity.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bonnie Beals, Joe Beals, Brice Gilmer, Betty McCollum, Allene Miller, Emily Rose, Dee Snyder, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

*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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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Second SUNDAY IN LENT

*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.*

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