

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Hear me, O Lord* arr. Prentiss

The Call to Worship

We gather in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world. Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ on a path that is lined with God's love. God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.

The Hymn of Praise *This is My Father's World* 293
(verses 1 & 2)

The Call to Confession Romans 4:21
While we yet sinners Christ died for us. Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent.

The Prayer of Confession
O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses and show us how to follow you.
Hear us Lord, as we approach you in the Silence of our hearts with our own intentions (Silence).
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

The Assurance of Pardon Romans 4:24
Hear the good news:
God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Response *Sanctuary* CCLI #11070933
*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

The Special Music *Irish Ballad* arr. Keveren
Peggy Knutson, soloist

The Word of God

The Time with the Children "A Hard Journey" Peggy Knutson

The New Testament Reading Mark 8:31-38

The Epistle Reading Romans 4:13-25

The Sermon "True Self Denial" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21)
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.
Amen!

The Hymn *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* 370
(verses 1,3 & 4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)
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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Theme from Sonata No. 6* Mozart

293. This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

370. Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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