

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 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 *Cross of Sorrow* Keeney

The Call to Worship Jeremiah 31:34 and Psalm 51:1
God has promised to make a new covenant with us. Our Lord has promised to write God's law on our hearts.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Let us seek God with our whole hearts and treasure God's word in our spirits. God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.

The Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 356
(verses 1 & 3)

The Call to Confession Psalm 51:10
Against the Lord, we have sinned, yet God is ready to hide God's face from our sins and wash our sins away through the mercy of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

The Prayer of Confession
Throughout the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. For give us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but afraid to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. For give us, O God, and free us to try again.

Hear us now as we come to you in the silence of our hearts with our individual confessions in silence (Silence).

O Lord, do not remember our sins, but forgive us iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Assurance of Pardon
Sisters and Brothers, by faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of God's salvation. Thanks be to God. Amen!

The Gloria Patri 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *All Who Are Thirsty* Brown & Roberts
Deanna Patton, Soloist

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Pastor Philomena

The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The New Testament Reading John 4:4-26

The Sermon "Living Water for the Thirsty" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith)
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our daily discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. Amen!

The Hymn *Old Rugged Cross* Traditional
(verses 1 & 3)

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 *A Quiet Blessing* Vevenger

We encourage you to take your bulletin home and dispose of it there.

Second Presbyterian Church

2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

Phone: (989) 792-1023

March 21, 2021



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians

Songs and broadcast are covered by:
CCLI (copyright and streaming license) #11070933 & 20723076
One License (copyright and streaming license) #A719788