

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Récit de Tierce en taille

Nicolas de Grigny
Lucy Burnette, acolyte

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1, 5, 8

From where will our help come?

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

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Responsive Call to Confession

Believing that God calls people of faith

**to engage in a process of remembering, restoring, repairing,
and redressing injustices;**

Believing that God calls people of faith

**to engage in a process of reconciliation,
seeking restitution,
recognizing past sins,
and confessing one's own culpability;**

*Believing that through Jesus Christ God restores and forgives,
we now turn to God in repentance and contrition.*

Let us pray.

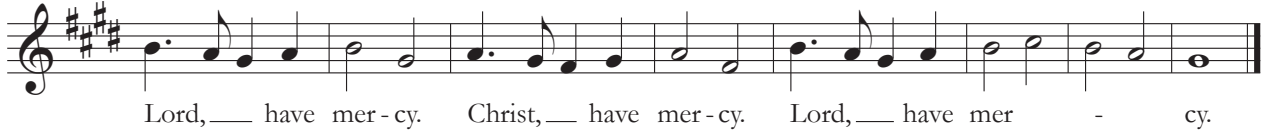
Prayer of Confession

We acknowledge the Church's historic complicity in the enslavement of African people and a history of cruelty and discrimination against them, and in the genocide of indigenous people, whose land and culture were forcibly taken from them. We confess what we have done and what we have left undone. Have mercy on us. We acknowledge our guilt and seek the promise of God's forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Let grace, not guilt, energize our actions toward repairing wrongs and restoring the well-being of our neighbors who have been so grievously harmed. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God 618

All glory to our Lord and God

For love so deep, so high, so broad:

The Trinity whom we adore

Forever and forevermore.

God's Word to Us

First Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

NT p. 144
Nadine Roddy

Second Reading

John 3:1-17

NT p. 88

Sermon

Hope Reborn

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Responding to God's Word

◆ A Call to Reparative Justice

Embracing the promise of God's forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning:

We call upon all who believe in the One God, to study, pray, and discern how we may corporately and individually engage in repairing and restoring our community.

Our Creator, Reconciler, and Sustainer empower us all as we embark on this journey of righting wrongs and making peace with Black and indigenous neighbors.

As the Prophet Amos once declared:

**"Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amen.**

◆ Hymn HS 42

How Can I Keep from Singing HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayers of the Congregation

Offertory *I've Just Come from the Fountain* African-American spiritual
I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.
Brother, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.
Sister, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.
O sinner, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

- ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup HS 52
**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

GTG Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

HS 76

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HS 77

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

The Sacred Feast

Austin Lovelace

In memory of the Savior's love, we keep the sacred feast,
 Where every humble, contrite heart is made a welcome guest.
 One fold, one faith, one hope, one Lord, one God alone we know;
 As kindred all, let every heart with kind affection glow.
 By faith we take the bread of life with which our souls are fed,
 The cup in token of his blood that was for sinners shed.
 In faith, and memory thus we sing the wonders of his love,
 And thus anticipate by faith the heavenly feast above.

- ◆ Hymn 515 **I Come with Joy (vs. 1-3, 5)** DOVE OF PEACE
- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Chant donné

Maurice Duruflé

During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the closing music
 for a short period of meditation.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Jim and Helen Cauthen, in memory of Betty and Irby Cauthen.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, March 5*Second Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, March 6

7:30 p.m. Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 8

6 p.m. Worship at the Table in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 9

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Friday, March 10

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert Series Concert in the Sanctuary featuring Peter Sykes

Sunday, March 12*Third Sunday in Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

How Can I Keep From Singing

Author uncertain

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8.7.8.7.8.7.8.7

Robert Lowry, 1869

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion.
 2. What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth;
 3. I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it;

I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 What though the dark - ness ga - ther round? Songs in the night he giv-eth:
 And day by day this path-way smoothes since first I learned to love it:

Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring-ing.
 No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ev - er spring-ing:

It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 All things are mine since I am His - how can I keep from sing-ing?