



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON

LENT

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

February 28, 2021

ORDER of WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: The journey of Lent

P: is a journey inward, to examine our hearts.

L: The journey of faith

P: is a journey of trust following God's promises.

L: The journey of life

All: is a journey outward, spending our lives as disciples for the sake of God's kingdom.

* Opening Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (v.1,2)

VERSE 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

VERSE 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, in Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, as he invited his disciples. Yet at times we are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, and afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious,

and shy to share the good news of God's love. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us and you show us the path of righteousness.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

* Response *O God, You Are My God (Step by Step)*

*O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.*

*O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.*

*I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon “Game Changing”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offerings

*** Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*** Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People



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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (v.1,4)

VERSE 1:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

VERSE 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(REFRAIN)

* Benediction

Postlude



*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service
begins.*

We are the church whether we are gathered or scattered.

*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

*Stand in body or spirit.
Bold - Everything is said in unison.

PRAYER LIST

First responders, doctors, nurses, EMT workers, health care workers, police, fire department, ambulance squads as they continue to care for all who are ill.

For Bill and Jeri-Ann, parents of Sara Burnet, as Bill continues recovery from seizures/stroke and Jeri-Ann awaits knee surgery.

All those working on the New Jersey presbyteries transition - it is expected to be officially approved on March 1st, but much of the work is just beginning.

The families of crime victims, as they deal with court procedures made more difficult by the pandemic.

Mary-Anna Holden continuing recovery at home after a fall.

Mary Lou Davies, mother of Amanda Keller, recovering at home from a broken hip.

The family and friends of missing Drew University student, Ajay Sah.

Carol, and her family, cousin of Kathleen Underwood, as Carol begins treatment for stage 4 brain cancer.

Rev. Ed Halldorson and his family as he continues chemotherapy.

All those in this country and around the world as the pandemic continues, new cases arise, and vaccinations are underway.

All those dealing with mental health issues, especially during the pandemic.

All those dealing with job loss, furloughs, financial instability, and food insecurity as the pandemic season continues.

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

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