



Second Sunday in Lent

*We extend love and extravagant welcome
to all of God's children without judgment,
no matter who they are or
where they are on life's journey.*

March 13, 2022

Welcome!

Masks are required and must always cover nose and mouth.
Contact tracing information is requested to contain virus transmission.
Please extend a respectful courtesy by silencing your cell phone.
Assistive listening devices are at the Welcome Table in the back.
Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

Gathering Music & Lighting Candles (10:20a)

Steve Milloy, piano; Bennett Draper, Acolyte

"Softly and Tenderly" -Will L. Thompson, arr. Mark Hayes

"Come Sunday" -Duke Ellington, arr. Lee Evans

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" -Frederick A. Challinor, arr. Charity Book Putnam

Centering Prayer

Free us, Lord, from our obsession with ourselves long enough to care for others; to be so concerned about the well-being of the human community that we don't have to worry about our place, our church, our class, our values, our vested interests. Help us to know the joy and freedom of putting all our trust in you. Amen.

Greeting and Call to Worship (10:30a)

Keith M. Haithcock

One: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

All: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

One: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

Introit

“Pero Queda Cristo”
(My Soul Overflows with Praise)

Steve Milloy, vocal

At early dawn we sing a song of adoration
to God who is our only hope and our salvation.
At early dawn we raise our longing invocation;
For God’s sweet calm we beg in fervent supplication.

God’s heart is full of love and mercy for us,
From all our brokenness God will restore us.
Our God is strong and will forsake us never,
From death itself God sets us free forever.

Opening Our Heart

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

(Silence is kept.)

**All: Loving God, we own up to the mark that you have given us to live by.
You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people
and suffering pain for us;
still we do not turn in love and obedience to you.**

**We do that which we ought not to do,
and we leave undone those things we ought to do.
Aimless and rebellious as we are,
we cannot trust in ourselves;
we can trust only in your grace.**

**Speak the word, O God,
and we shall be made free.
Forgive us, receive us,
and give us courage to serve you
with renewed hearts and wills. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Be assured, in the name of Jesus Christ:

**All: Our sins are forgiven.
Our faith and God’s love has made us free.
In Christ we are a new creation. Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Theo Baldwin, vocal

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is lifegiving- to both great and small;
In all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
Then wither and perish- but naught dims your powers.

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do:
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

Community Prayer and The Prayer Jesus Teaches

**ALL: Great Giver, in whom heaven is found, holy is your name.
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth.
Give us this day bread for our journey
and make us hungry to see the whole world nourished.
Forgive us and help us forgive one another.
Strengthen us for the challenges that lie ahead.
Let us hear your prophets and deliver us from our privilege.
For your love is the only power, the only home,
the only honor we need in the world and in the world to come. Amen.**

Luke 13.31-35 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Dale Clark

³¹ Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you.”

³² Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘Today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I’ll reach my goal.’ ³³ Even with all that, I’ll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.”

³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! ³⁵ So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!'"

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"JESUS AS A MOTHER"

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy, vocal with Craig West, guitar

"One of Us" -Eric Bazilian



Ignite Moment

Ignite Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion 2022

Jan Hoeweler

An Invitation to Share our Gifts -Mathew 5.14-16

Dale Clark

One: "You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you?"

All: No!

One: You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you?"

All: No!

One: No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your God in heaven."

All: May it be so!

One: Offering plates are available at both the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God bless you as you give your gifts generously to continue this ministry of justice, diversity, and inclusion, a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Unison Blessing of our Gifts

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen

Parting Song (Rise in body or spirit.)

Congregation and descant, vocalist

(Masks remain on and all may sing together.)

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Children’s Song Medley” -*various composers, arr. Mark Hayes*

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Justice – Diversity – Inclusion

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