



CELEBRATING SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

1. Pastor Marie back; would love to schedule an appointment with you rather than drop in this and next week
2. Candlelight Prayer Service for Ukraine at 1st Presbyterian Church, March 13, at 6pm
3. Youth Group collecting snack/meal items
4. Intergenerational Sunday School Class

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of Christ, **for he is making us ready for holiness.**
Come into the presence of this community, **for together we struggle to be faithful and just.**
Come together in this time and space,
for in humility and trust, we come to make whole Christ's body.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Step By Step"

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you
Oh 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
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.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, the ways we have hurt others on purpose and on accident, and so denied Christ, then God is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God, saying together, Merciful Savior, **Cleanse us from sin.**

Precious Lord, we remember when you washed the feet of the disciples, and today you kneel in front of us, and we are uncertain how to respond. Do we know you ask us to be vulnerable and open? Merciful Savior, **Cleanse us from sin.**

We confess that we do not like the feeling of not being in control of what you'll do next. You are the source of all holiness, yet you stoop down to serve all, and call us to love each other as you loved us, and it makes us uncomfortable. Merciful Savior, **Cleanse us from sin.**

We confess that we love to serve on our terms, in the ways we choose, so that we never have to be vulnerable enough to receive, or be in relationship. Yet you insist that we must experience the fullness of your love if we are to share it. You insist we must dismiss our preference for honor and status and receive your grace as a gift. Merciful Savior, **Cleanse us from sin**

Forgive us for refusing to allow you to work in us, and wash away our self-reliance. Wash away our certainty. Wash away our casual cruelty. Wash away our quest for control. Forgive our unwillingness to truly break down the power structures that make us always the giver and others always the needy, and wash away our arrogance. Make us ready to stand in your presence and to walk your way of love for the world. Merciful Savior, **Cleanse us from sin.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Yes And Amen,” (v. 2 & Chorus)

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

READINGS

Psalm 51:7-12

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

John 13:1-18

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his

power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

⁷ Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

⁸ “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

¹⁰ Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

¹⁸ “I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned^[a] against me.’

SERMON

ANTHEM “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Annabel Stavey

*APOSTLE'S 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. (*or universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come to God in prayer for ourselves, others and the world, saying, Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

You love us to the end, and beyond, O God. You give yourself to us, beyond our comprehension. We cannot fathom the depth of your love nor the cost of your gift, yet we see the path you walk and the way you choose. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

You break down dividing walls and social norms and power structures with nothing but a basin and a towel, gathering all your people into your holy presence. Make us ready to follow your example, to create a community of mutual care that transforms the world. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we pray for our church, for our division, for hurt feelings and tears sublimated into anger. Help us to reach out with open hands, and seek your grace in the forgiveness of another. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us pray for the ill and recovering among us, for those healing from procedures and those preparing their bodies and minds for treatments that involve discomfort or pain. Bless their healing, and bless their caregivers. We also pray for those whose work is stressful, or underappreciated. Bless our teachers, nurses, and parents with strength and endurance. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we pray for our cities, and neighborhoods. Bless with wisdom and care all our elected leaders, especially mayors, and Governor Asa, and President Joe; given them grace to be concerned with the welfare of all the people, and not just their voters; bless them to care for the elderly, the immigrant, the refugee, the underserved, LGBTQ persons and the invisible as well. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we pray for peace in the world, especially in places of open conflict, in Ukraine, in Syria and Afghanistan, and all places experiencing climate catastrophe and suffering: in Florida, in the rainforests, in Australia and coastal communities. Help us to recognize our ability to restore your creation. Merciful Savior, **Hear our prayer.**

Help us to pray as Christ taught us, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

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.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God while at home and seemingly separated, and yet we are united in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us, that nothing need stop us in our freedom from worshiping you and declaring our faith. Today we can give by mailing an offering to the church address or by giving online through our webpage. Your gifts maintain our ministries, many of which continue whether we worship in this space or elsewhere. And during this time of anxiety and illness, if you find yourself in need—physical, mental, spiritual or financial—please tell our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or Rev. Marie.

Doxology

"A Lenten Doxology" video
**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord,
whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.**

*PRAYER

*HYMN OF SENDING "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1, 3, & 4) #321
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and
the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride, With his own blood
he bought her, and for her life he died.
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed By schisms rent asunder, by
heresies distressed Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her warm She waits with consummation of peace
forever more; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please "pass the peace" in a phone call, letter, or text, saying to someone else,
"May the Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to
you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

*POSTLUDE

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