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Worship Service

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

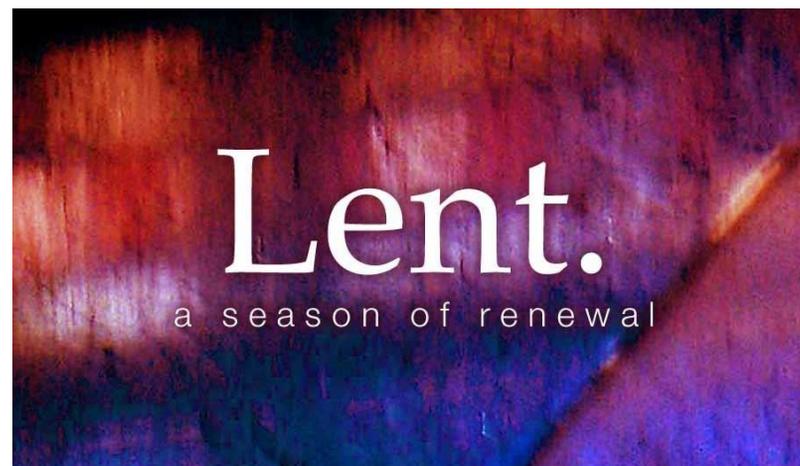
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Certitude is an attitude of faith, confidence and certainty. It is taking bold steps forward after discerning what we believe to be true, and trusting that all will be well. We don't allow the fads and ways of the world to control us. We hear a higher calling. We lead our lives by moral principles. Certitude begins by deeply exploring a belief or decision through prayer and contemplation. When clarity comes, we act as if it is true. Certitude helps us to engage our will and take decisive action. Each step we take is sure and unwavering. Even if we stumble or fail, we don't allow doubt to distract us from what we know. Certitude helps us to be sure.

(The Virtues Project)

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" trad. Irish
arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Like water is to a thirsty person in a desert,
so is God's refreshing presence with us.
Like warm sun shining down on frozen ground,
so is God's transforming love.
Like wind lifting leaves to dance and sing in the air,
so is God's liberating joy touching each of us through
the Holy Spirit.
Come let us worship and praise God this day.

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Opening Prayer (unison)

God of earth, water, wind and fire, we rejoice in Your Spirit who puts breath in our lungs and tosses stars into the heavens. We long to feel Your life surging within us and to know the full joy and freedom You offer. Awaken us to Your Spirit's leading and raise us up to follow You, in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn (117) "Jesus Christ is Waiting" vs. 1,2,3,5

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.
- 2 Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.
- 3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.
- 5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Creator God, we have come to reconnect with You, our Source of Life. It is easy to become so engrossed in our daily routines that we miss Your still, small voice and the stirring of Your Spirit in

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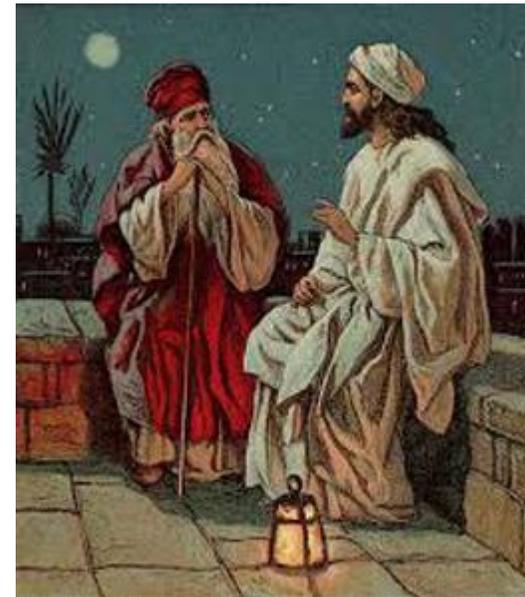
our lives. May we find our centre in Christ and daily commune with Your Spirit, until our inner life is as full and rich as our outer life. Awaken us to Your indwelling Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God's love for us is unending. No matter what we do, God reaches out to us and embraces us with love, joy and compassion. Thanks be to God!

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a P. Watanabe
(God calls Abram to follow wherever God leads.)

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 P. Watanabe
(Nicodemus learns God so loved the world.)



Solo "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Edwin Hatch/
Robert Jackson L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Awakening" Rev. Cooper

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Hymn (264) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

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Hymn (703) "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By your grace, give us hope

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By your power, give us strength
By your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Amen “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev’ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude “Simple Gifts” trad. Shaker melody
arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to P. Watanabe for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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Today, Sunday, February 28th, Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 7th, Third Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m., voting rehearsal for Annual Meeting on Zoom

Sunday March 14th, Fourth Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting on Zoom audio/video

"February is Broadview Month"

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Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

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BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull at or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Genesis 12:1-4

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Have a blessed day!