

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

Scriptural Meditation

*Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!
When you said, "Come and worship me," I answered, "I will come, Lord. Psalm 27*

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

arr. by Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

One: We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

All: We place our trust in him.

One: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on an urgency.

All: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem.

One: Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

All: Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Song

The God of Abraham Praise

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* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Forgive us for the times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life. It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

God's Word for Little Ears

Heifer Project

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: May joy and peace surround you,
contentment at your door,
And happiness be with you now,
God bless you evermore.**

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God Shall the Broken Heart Repair by K. Lee Scott (b.1950)

Soloists-Riley Kurre and Elisa Williamson

Text by Christopher Smart (1722-1771), based on Ps. 147:3, Mt. 11:28-30, Is 53:4-5

Refrain: God shall the broken heart repair, And for all sickness and despair

A cure in Christ provide, And heal the wounded, sore and bruised,
With oil into their wounds infused, And soothing balm applied.

1) Come unto me you weary, and I will give you peace and rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me:

My yoke is easy; my burden is light;

And you shall find rest unto your souls. (Refrain)

2) He was despised, rejected, a man of sorrow, grief and woe.

He was bruised for our transgressions, Chastised for all our sin.

He bore our sorrows, Endured the bruising pain;

And by all his stripes we are healed and restored. (Refrain)

New Testament Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

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Message

Journey Inward/Journey Forward

Pastor Kim Nelson

Our goal is Heaven

~Responding to God's Word~

*Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

**All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life,
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

Born of a woman, a servant of the poor, Tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,

And his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us,

The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

Life-Giving breath of the Church,

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

[An Affirmation of Faith from Iona]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory *Wondrous Love* *arr. By Charles Callahan*

***Doxology** *(Tune: Amazing Grace)*

**All: Praise God the Father, Praise His name
Praise Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
And praise the Spirit with them one
Now and forevermore.**

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Prayers of the People followed by The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Sung Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (# 471)

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me. (Repeat)**

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth** *Guide My Feet* # 741

***Benediction**

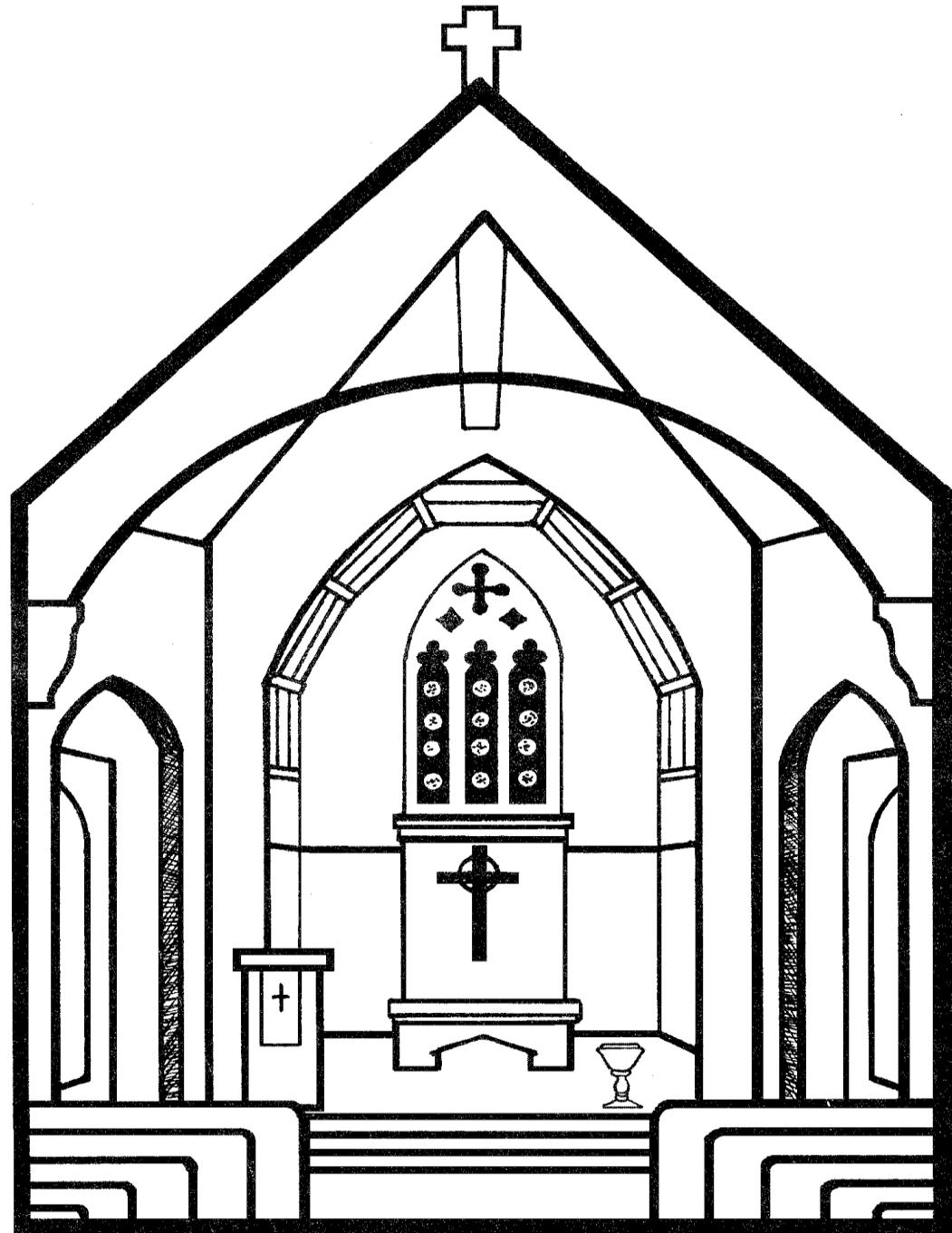
***Postlude** *Fantasia* by J. S. Bach

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

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