

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, February 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME *Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*
...Michael Brooks

PRELUDE *People Need the Lord* G. Nelson and P. McHugh
....Miriam Ridge, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

VOICES UNITED **634** *To Abraham and Sarah*

**To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear,
“Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”**

**From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:
“that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”**

**We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word:
“that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”**

PEACE GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of many names,
**You call us each by name. We belong to you. We are yours.
Yet, often we dismiss our true identities.
Often we deny that we are your people.**

**Often we hesitate to follow you,
and to take up all that discipleship entails.
Often our priorities reflect personal interests
more than they reflect You and your way.**

(Silent Prayer)

Forgive us, O God.
Hold us by your covenant love, and never let us go. Amen.

MORE VOICES **91** *(sing three times)*

**Cradle me in your arms, cherish and comfort me.
O Jesus, source of healing love, in your presence I am free.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FIRST BIBLE READING [Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-22](#) *(click link to view text)*

A CONVERSATION ABOUT NAMES WITH LAUREL GRACE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Amazing Grace* arr. C. D. Mocklebust
...Stillman Matheson, handbells; Brian Snell, piano

SECOND BIBLE READING [Romans 4: 13-25](#) *(click link to view text)*

SERMON “EMBRACING GRACE FOR THE JOURNEY”

RESPONDING IN CARE

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I'd Rather Have Jesus

G.B. Shea

REACHING OUT IN LOVE

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

VOICES UNITED **120, verses 1, 2, 4** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

L. Couperin