

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO 2. Trust over Self-reliance Distraction
The Second Sunday in Lent

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*The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray
and seek quietness as we all prepare to worship God together.*

PRELUDE “His Eye is on the Sparrow” Gabriel

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS Jim Simpson
Minute for Mission: Nomination Committee Committee members

* **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT# 177 “I Will Come to You” v2 and refrain**
*I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light Come and rest in Me
Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me I will bring you home I love you and you are mine.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Mark McLain
God’s gifts are as many as the stars,
God’s grace as endless as the evening sky.
Let us worship the Christ,
who binds us together,
The One in whom we place our trust.
God of this day, Cultivate in us a spirit of worship

* **HYMN # 49** “The God of Abraham Praise”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer, then spoken*)
Refuge of our hearts,
we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives.
We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises.
Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you.
We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the athletic to be our role models,
instead of the One who comes in your name.
Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace.
Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come
to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND LIGHTING OF LENTEN CANDLE

SONG OF ASSURANCE #421 v4 “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”
*Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18 (p. 11/14). Mark McLain
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Activity Packs for children available ask Usher*)

* **HYMN # 816** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31–35 (p. 72/93) Janice Simpson
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Hallelujah” Cohen

SERMON “The Hen's Brood” Jim Simpson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...)

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Kirkpatrick

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Janice Simpson
God of wilderness and Promised Land,
in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us.
By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care.

Send us, not only our offerings but our very selves,
to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out,
to listen and sit beside your children everywhere
at the one Table you have set;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN # 2** “Come, Thou Almighty King”

* **OUR SHARED FAITH** – we go to work and witness in God’s world...

We believe in God the maker and shaper of our pathways;

who sent Jesus to show us the narrow way,
and who is the beginning and end of our travelling.

We believe in Jesus Christ the sharer of our flesh;

who entered and experienced the human journey,
and who walks beside us on the road.

We believe in the Holy Spirit the midwife and nurturer of our potential;

who drove Jesus out into the desert,
and who calls us now to cast off from the shore.

We believe in Father, Son and Spirit

the shaper, sharer and stirrer of our journeys;
and we recommit ourselves to following their Way. Amen.

* **RESPONSE OF THE COMMUNITY “BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE”**

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May the mercy of God ground you, the love of Christ take root in you,
and the Holy Spirit grow in you.

**That we may cultivate what leads us to God and our neighbors,
and let go of all that would distract or frustrate God’s loving purposes. Amen.**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #547 v3 Go, My children, with My Blessing**

Go my children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

POSTLUDE

“By Faith”

Townsend

Kathy Cardwell, Director of Music

**All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

Next Sunday, March 24 -CULTIVATING & LETTING GO 3. Patience over Fear

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:1–9 and Luke 13:1–9

Sermon: Fruit from the Fig Tree

Service of Wholeness and Healing (including blessing of prayer shawls)

SESSION OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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