

# LENT 2 SUNDAY

## March 13, 2022

Piano Prelude: Fur Elise

Beethoven

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We live within the wilderness of humanity, O God: this wilderness, whether in a desert or on our streets, is filled with temptations, with suffering, with longing, with struggles.

**We gather to worship you, God, but at the same time we are often distracted by the wilderness of our time. We can find it difficult to let go of that which we long for but does not serve our relationship with you or with others.**

Jesus longs to care for all of us, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but we are often unwilling to allow ourselves to be so vulnerable, to submit to that kind of care and protection. We are under the impression that we can protect ourselves.

**Gather us in, O God, and grant us the rest we need to refocus our longings and our willingness to grow in relationship with you, our Creator and Protector.**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the almighty**

**No. 321**

**1. Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, who rules all creation:  
my soul, praise God  
who alone is your health and salvation.  
Come, all who hear;  
sisters and brother draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**

**2. Praise to the Lord,  
who in all things so wondrously reigning  
hides you with sheltering wings,  
ever gently sustaining,  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted through God's kind ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work, who defends you;  
surely God's merciful goodness  
here daily attends you;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
when in great love God befriends you.**

**4. Praise to the Lord,  
and with all that is in me adoring,  
all who have life and breath,  
come with glad praises outpouring!  
Let the amen sound  
from God's people again;  
now and forever adoring!**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Church School Theme

Special Music: We come to ask your forgiveness

Carey Landry  
with descant by Jim Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Philippians 3:17-4:1

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out

demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon: LONGING AND WILLINGNESS IN THE WILDERNESS Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: Walking through the desert Josephine Schoutsen

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**\*Hymn: God of grace and God of glory** No. 382

1. Spirit of God,  
descend upon my heart,  
wean it from earth;  
through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee  
as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream,  
no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending  
of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies,  
but take the dimness  
of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid me  
love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul,  
heart and strength and mind;  
I see thy cross;

there teach my heart to cling:  
oh let me seek thee  
and oh let me find.

4. Teach me to feel  
that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles  
of the soul to bear,  
to face the rising doubt,  
the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience  
of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee  
as your angels love,  
one holy passion  
filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the  
heaven descended Dove,  
my heart an altar,  
and thy love the flame.

## Benediction

## Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Gigue from French Suite No. 5 in G major

J. S. Bach

*\*Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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