

ORDER OF WORSHIP – Sunday, February 28, 2021 – LENT 2B

PRELUDE “Redemption Song”

I apologize for the commercial, but I really wanted to share this piece of music with you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_LmRcr8Mm4

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Ellen Connor! – March 2



<https://vimeo.com/1658836>

In-Person Worship

In person worship will continue on the first and second Sunday of March. The hope of the Session is to be able to offer in-building worship every week beginning on Easter Sunday, April 4. Of course, this is subject to change but that is the plan right now! 😊

Joys and Concerns

Email Rev. Marie at myhansel@yahoo.com with any joys and concerns you would like to have lifted up in prayer each Sunday. (This invitation is extended to those inside and outside of the church community.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 22:23-28 ¹

“You who worship YHWH, give praise! Daughters of Leah, daughters of Rachel, glorify YHWH!

Sons of Jacob, fall down and worship!

For God has not despised—not disdained—the suffering of those in pain! God didn’t hide but answered them when they cried for help!”

You are the theme of my praise in the Great Assembly, and I will fulfill my vows in the presence of your worshipers.

Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied, those who seek you will give you praise—long life to their hearts!

The whole earth, from one end to the other, will remember and come back to you; all the families of the nations will bow down to you.

For yours is the kingdom, you Ruler of nations!

HYMN “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

<https://vimeo.com/40671081>

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, When I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy’s sake, In paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
O may Your House be my abode, And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, But like a child at home.**

CALL TO CONFESSION ²

If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused. Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ²

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world—and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives.

time for silent confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ²

God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice and peace.

Thanks be to God!

GRATEFUL RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ²

O God, send your Spirit to us to open our hearts that we might discern your Word amid the words of Scripture we read today, so that in hearing your Word we may be formed in the way of Christ for one another and our world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE – Mark 8:31-37 ¹

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Promised One had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and religious scholars, be put to death, and rise again three days later. Jesus put these things quite openly.

Peter then took him aside and began to take issue with him. At this, Jesus turned around and, eyeing the disciples, reprimanded Peter: “Get out of my sight, you Satan! You are judging by human standards rather than by God's!”

Jesus summoned the crowd and the disciples and said, “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow in my footsteps. If you would save your life, you'll lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake, you'll save it. What would you gain if you were to win the whole world but lose your self in the process? What can you offer in exchange for your soul?”

MESSAGE “The Class of ‘77”

Guest Preacher, Rev. Jim Somerville, pastor of Richmond’s First Baptist Church

<https://vimeo.com/255642706>

INVITATION TO FOLLOW ~ written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on Unfolding Light.

Abandon the illusion you’re a self-contained individual.
Be a part of this wounded world,
and find yourself with Christ.

Set aside your own desires,
give yourself fully for others;
be the hands and heart of Jesus.

Renounce self-protection,
accept your brokenness,
and reach out for love.

Let go of your own plans.
Join in the healing of the world.
You will not be alone.

Follow your soul, not your ego.
Follow it right into people’s suffering.
Follow it right into the heart of God.

Pour yourself out;
let the world pour in;
then you are one with the Beloved.

***HYMN** “Seek Ye First”

<https://vimeo.com/265592271>

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you , Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ¹

Local Joys and Concerns Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Welcome Lilliana Best Galusha

born Friday evening, February 26 at 10:31 p.m.

19 2/3 inches long, 7.4 pounds.

Laura and Lilly are doing well according to Evan who sent this picture.

More Good News!

Barb Hamilton returned home on Thursday, February 25 after a week in rehab at the Rochester Friendly Home. Deacons are arranging meals. If you would like to help, please contact Janice Stevers or Anne Reed.

Prayer Concern:

Please pray for Joe Peone. He is the husband of Mary Cunningham's sister. Joe suffered a couple of minor strokes and spent a couple days at Strong for testing. The tests show minor damage to the two areas of the brain that affect speech and mobility. He is being transferred to a rehabilitation place in Geneva, close to Seneca Falls.

Add your own joys and concerns to this prayer.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers of joy and concern.**

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we pray that the Spirit of Jesus would be with us as we continue our journey through Lent. Jesus called his disciples to pick up their cross and follow him. Help us to discern that that means for us as the church in this time and place. Give us the courage to name suffering and evil and to stand in resistance to it. Give us endurance when we face persecution for resisting abuses in our lives and communities. Empower us to stand with those who suffer on account of homelessness, lack of food or resources, or other injustices. Inspire us to see Christ in the least of these in our midst.

O God we pray for those who are isolated and lonely during this pandemic. May we find ways to be a comfort for them. We pray for children and parents who are navigating school and work under such stressful circumstances. We pray for those who have lost loved ones because of the virus and are grieving the loss. We pray for your church in this time of crisis and that we would find new ways to live your mission. We also pray for those hurt by the snow and ice storms that have ravaged large sections of our country—adding to the already stressful realities of life in our current crisis.

And, O God, we continue to pray for the global community as it grapples with the pandemic. We pray that you would give us the fortitude to take responsibility for measures that will protect all. We pray especially for those hardest hit by the strains of this menace, and pray for those in leadership in our communities, states and nation as they negotiate ways in which to aid those most afflicted. We pray for a speedy process of vaccination in this country and in countries around the globe. And we pray for fairness in access to the vaccine for countries that heretofore have not received it. May this injustice be rectified.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, “*Our Father...*”

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

HYMN “We All Are One in Mission”

<https://vimeo.com/50085385>

**We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ’s love.**

**We all are called for service To witness in God’s name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God’s surprising grace
So every folk and nation May feel God’s warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God’s redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go out into God’s world in the power of the Spirit,
Resist evil and stand for the good.
Be a blessing to your neighbor,
And lift up the brokenhearted,
Stand with the oppressed.
Let all that you do be out of Love.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal, Wonderful Words of Life”

<https://vimeo.com/423655268>

¹*Presbyterian Outlook 2021, Liturgy written by Roger Gench and provided for free distribution.*

²*The Inclusive Bible, The First Egalitarian Translation, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers Inc, 2007*

MORNING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me walk with you this day.

**If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage to keep me true,
that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of life eternal.**

Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

Jesus, if I stray, show me my fault, forgive my sin, and set me rightly on your path.

Keep me on the way of the cross and lead me to the eternal joy of Easter.

Amen.