

Order of Worship for 2/14/21

10am CST

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Welcome

Prelude Solo: **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**
Arr. William L. Dawson

Call to Worship

Come! See God's promise in rainbow and rhythm.
Let us worship God, who makes and keeps covenant.

Come! Hear God's voice when he calls you beloved.
Let us worship God, who accompanies us to the wilderness

Come! Experience God's presence in mind and heart.
Let us worship God, who is neither far away or out of sight.

Come! Let us worship Almighty God! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**
#384 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2.
O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
Thank in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3.
I joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4.
O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: God through Christ knows and remembers us with kindness and steadfast love.

As far as east is from west, so has God removed our sins. Believe this good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Anthem **When Jesus Walked into the Stream**
Susan Borwick

Second Scripture Reading Mark 1:9-15

Sermon **“Clotheslines and Kite Strings”**
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Japinga
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Hymn **God of the Sparrow**
#272 Presbyterian Hymnal

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| 1.
God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise | 4.
God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life |
| 2.
God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry woe
How does the creature cry save | 5.
God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace |
| 3.
God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks | 6.
God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home |

Offertory Call

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn **The Glory of These Forty Days**
#87 Presbyterian Hymnal

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| 1.
The glory of these forty day
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed. | 3.
So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lion’s might;
And John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became
The herald of Messiah’s name. |
| 2.
Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame. | 4.
Then grant that we like them be true,
Consumed in fast and prayer with You;
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
And give us joy to see Your face. |

Benediction

Closing Hymn

May You Run and Not Be Weary

#2281 Sing the Faith Hymnal

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Postlude

Blessing

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