

Order of Worship for 2/28/21

10am CST

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The beautiful flower arrangement today is from Jon Lyman in prayerful observance of the Lenten season, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday.

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

#261 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;
Giver of grace for our needs all-availing,
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,
Patience untiring and courage unailing.

2.

Wandering and lost, Thou has sought us and found us,
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy word of consoling;
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

3.

How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,
Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?
What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Dear friends, hear the good news: God through Christ knows and remembers us with Kindness and steadfast love.
As far as the east is from the west, so has God removed our sins.
Believe this good news of the gospel: in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Anthem **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me** (arr. David M. Cherwein)

Second Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38

Sermon The Rev. Leonard Freeman

Hymn **My Song is Love Unknown**
#76 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

2.
Christ came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and non
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

4.
They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet steadfast He
To suffering goes,
That he His foes
From thence might free.

5.
Here might I stay and sing,
No story do divine:
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thing.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Offertory Call

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**
#84 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wracks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2.
When the woes of life o'er-take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

3.
When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

4.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

Blessing

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We are going to begin having fresh flower arrangements
on the altar table for the live on-line services.

We are also ordering plants specifically for Easter Sunday.

If you are interested in signing up and ordering flowers,
please reach out to Tammy Wenz,
or contact the church office