

The Service for the Lord's Day



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school is available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“There in God’s Garden”

*Robert Buckley Farlee
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CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: This week we lament that so much in life is out of our control. That lack of control can be frustrating; we are always seeking ways to make things work the way we intend. Yet there is freedom in allowing the journey to unfold as it will, trusting God’s presence with us, which is indeed, good enough.

RESPONSE

“Enough”



9 When we are weak, when we are wear-y, when we are bro-ken, God's grace is e-nough.

17 When there are sha-dows, when there is day-light, when there are fears, Christ's love is e-nough.

When we are thri-ving, when we are stri-ving, when we are seek-ing, God's spi-rit is e-nough.

Text: Emma Nickel, 2022; Music: Joseph Jackson, 2022

PRAYER OF THE DAY

based on Psalm 27

All: Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

***HYMN #582**

“O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising”

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Music: ALFRED Scott-Gatty (1847-1918), Public Domain

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During announcements, please record your attendance in the pew-rack Friendship pad, and pass it to others seated in your pew. Visitors are invited to share contact info so we may offer a more personal welcome.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Today, we're invited to let go of the need to *be* God, so that we might recognize that God is already *with* us, offering us a new beginning and courage for our journey. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

All: Holy God, we like to direct our own paths. Sometimes, we like to direct the paths of others, too. But those actions try to put us in the place that is right fully yours. When we are honest, we are afraid to fully follow your purpose and call for our lives. Give us the courage to listen to your guidance for our own lives and for the lives of those around us. Show us how to follow you even through challenges and difficulties. Help us support others as they seek to be disciples, too.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Christ, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. God frees us from our need to be in control and invites us into God's holy purposes.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a no-contact sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart. Those at home are invited to text a message of peace to a friend or type a greeting of peace in the comments of the platform on which you are watching worship.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

All: Gracious God, we are always asking what is enough. Open us to your word and help us to encounter in it: enough love, enough gratitude, enough challenge to sustain us in faith. This we pray by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 27”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hyfrydol*, #153 “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**“God, my light and my salvation, in whose strength my hope is laid;
Confident in my salvation, I shall never be afraid.
Evil hosts may rise against me, wars distress, and flesh decays;
Yet the cruelest death imagined but begins my song of praise.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 27 ©1999, Michael Morgan; Psalter for Christian Worship; Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible, NT pg. 78

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Hide Not Thou Thy Face”

Richard Farrant

~Chancel Choir

“Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servant in Thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For Thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.”

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SERMON

“Like a Mother Hen”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jerusalem! Thou that Killest the Prophets” (St. Paul) *Felix Mendelssohn*
~*Olivia Donnel*

“Jerusalem! Thou that killest the prophets, thou that stonest them which are sent unto thee. How often would I have gathered unto Me thy children, and ye would not!”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles’ Creed**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #591**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Text: Frank Mason North (1850-1935); Music: William Gardiner’s “Sacred Melodies”, 1815

***BLESSING FOR THE SEASON**

Inspired by a blessing in *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York: Convergent, 2022).

POSTLUDE:

“Fugue in b minor”

J.S. Bach
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1 Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted and drawn from worship resources from Marcia McFee and the Worship Design Studio, 2022.

Note on bulletin cover: *This mosaic appears at the foot of the altar in the Church of Dominus Flevit, situated halfway down the western slope of the Mount of Olives, where Jesus is said to have wept over the future fate of Jerusalem. The image of a hen gathering her chicks under her wings recalls Christ’s words from today’s scripture reading in Luke 13:34: “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!”*

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Kathie Brom in loving memory of my mother,
Margaret Brom.

March H.O.M.E. Project

As FPCRO installs a new children's library in our church, we are inviting the congregation to help us fill the shelves with high-quality favorites in children's literature. Today, **pick up a bag with the book you would like to purchase and donate**. Return your hardcover book by the end of the month and be sure to include your name on the bag so we can create a book plate recognizing your gift. Thank you for sharing this gift with our wider community.

Lenten Reflection Services

This Lent, Joseph Jackson is again offering short vespers services to hear scripture and poetry, to offer up prayer, and sit in silent meditation. This year's services will be **online-only** and are now available on the church website. New services will be released on **March 24** and **April 7**.

Take-Out Soup & Salad Fundraiser for S.T.A.G.E. Mission Trip

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry has a tradition of a spring Soup and Salad dinner. This year, FPCRO gets to enjoy it, too and the whole meal will be served in a take-out format. All proceeds go towards sending the S.T.A.G.E. students on their summer Mission Trip to Knoxville, Tennessee. Order pickup is **Sunday, March 27**, at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church** (2312 Greenfield Rd., Berkley) **between 12 noon and 2 pm**. Price is \$8 per order, which includes soup (mushroom beef barley, tomato basil bisque, or turkey wild rice), salad, and bread. **The deadline to order is March 20**. Turn in your form to the offering plate with payment or place your order online at <https://forms.gle/T1FEbriLFuPkwn7c9>

Kirkman Scholarships

Applications are available on the church website and are due to Joelle Jarrait by **March 27**. High school seniors and others seeking higher education are encouraged to apply.

Easter Flowers

Place your order for flowers to grace the sanctuary on Easter morning. Orders are due by **March 20**. Use the gold order form available at the reception desk.