

**MISSION SERVICE
MARCH 13, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SHOEBOX SUNDAY**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

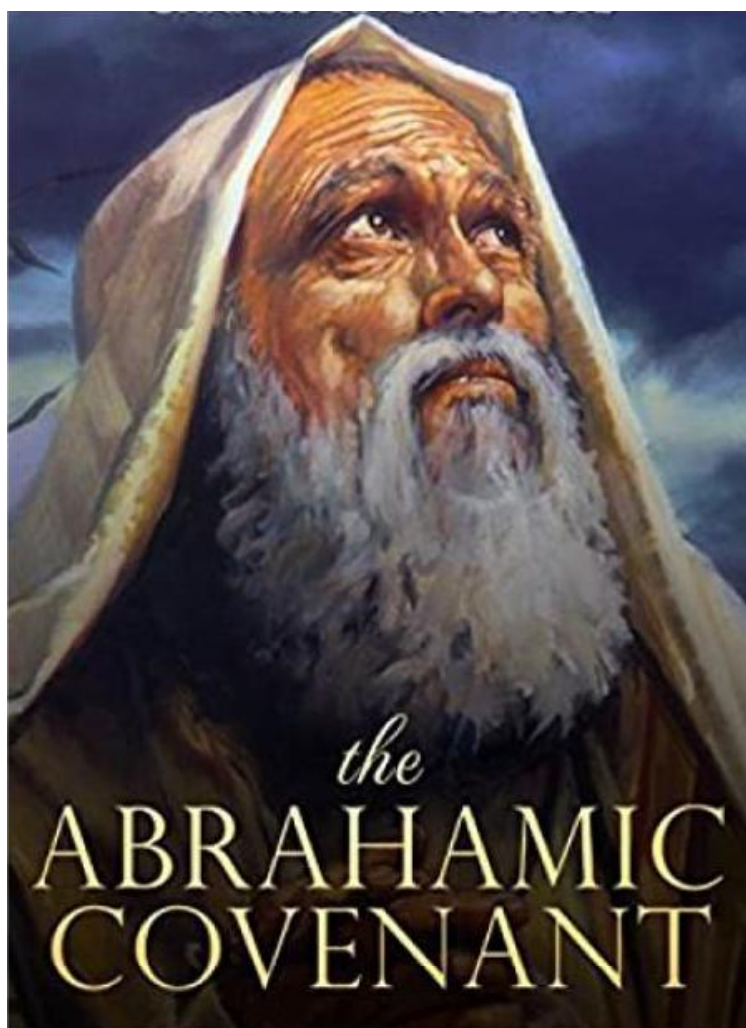
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, find the Scripture readings in your Bible or the pew Bible, and pray.

*You may pray: **Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides another occasion to seek and behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Maj # 42 - favorite)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 2 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 3 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 4 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

1 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 2 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 3 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 4 All praise we would ren - der: O help us to see

1 Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 2 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 3 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.
 4 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee. A - men.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called Your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to You as those once dead who now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

P: The Lord is gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Through the Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: From our God Who loves us with an everlasting love, Who brings forth a new creation in Christ, Who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

KYRIE *“Lord Have Mercy” (WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings bold)*

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
C Lord, have mer - cy.
 peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the
C Lord, have mer - cy.
 Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
C Lord, have mer - cy.
 wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.
L: Let us pray together: **C:** God of the covenant, in the
 mystery of the cross You promise everlasting life to the
 world. Gather all peoples into Your arms, and shelter
 us with Your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we

share in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 27 (*congregation: indented*)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
**when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.**

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
**though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.**

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek Him in His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;
**He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle
and set me high upon a rock.**

Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of You, “Seek His face!”

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Do not hide Your face from me,
do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.

Teach me Your way, O LORD;
lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
**for false witnesses rise up against me,
breathing out violence.**

I am still confident of this:

**I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“Open My Eyes That I May See” (Maj # 403 - Clara H. Scott)

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou hast for me;
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
3 O - pen my mouth and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry-where;

1 Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un-clasp and set me free.
2 And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear.
3 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

1 O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
2 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
3 O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine! A - men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGGenesis 15:1-12, 17-18.....pg. 20

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Philippians 3:17-4:1.....pg. 1829

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” verse 1
(SBH # 208 - Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Charles F. Gounod)

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 13:31-35.....pg. 1620

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 3*

SERMON *(Please sit.)*

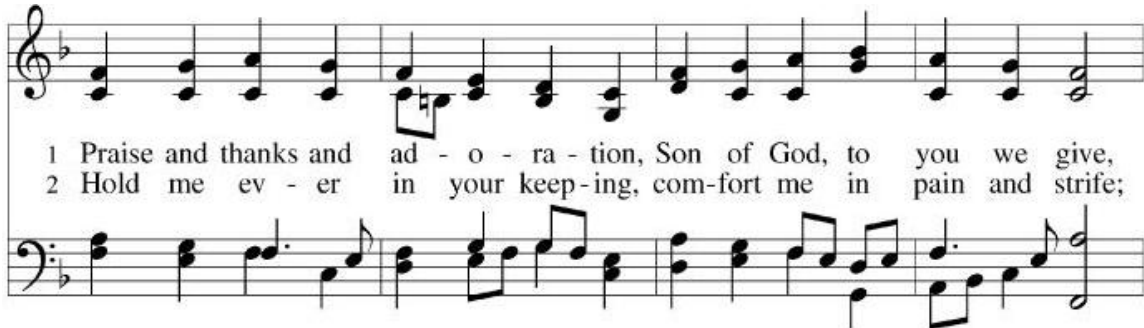
“Hope For Anxious Times: Part II - God is Reliable”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

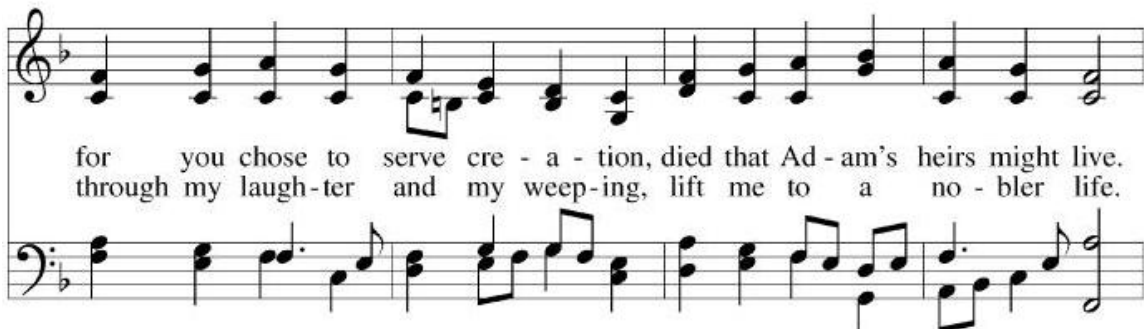
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration” (LBW # 470)



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that Ad - am's heirs might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; hymnal tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: FREDRICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, arr. J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

SMALL CATECHISM READING

P: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:*

P: What is The First Commandment

C: "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:6)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear, love, and trust God more than anything else.

P: What is The Second Commandment

C: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." (Exodus 20:7)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not use His name to curse, swear, cast a spell, lie or deceive, but will use it to call upon Him, pray to Him, praise Him and thank Him in all times of trouble.

P: What is The Third Commandment

C: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not look down on preaching or God's Word, but consider it holy, listen to it willingly, and learn it.

MISSION MOMENT (8:30) *(Please sit.)*

BFC Short Term Missions: Nelson Randolph

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Merciful God, C: Hear our prayer.)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow His example and share in the resurrection. Almighty God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you always.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Blessed Assurance" (Maj # 416 - favorite)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker and Sharon Branigan

PHONETREE: Volunteer Needed

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30 Chris Chmela 10:45 Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30 Jan Stryker

LITURGIST: 8:30 Jonathan Miller 10:45 Michele Sciara

LECTOR: 8:30 Patty Stein 10:45 Sharon Branigan

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30 Ruthann Kistler

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 and 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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