

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 A.M

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

Young

WELCOME:

This is the day the LORD has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:26-27a, 28-

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Liturgist: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Congregation: From the house of the LORD we bless you.

L: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

C: You are my God, and I will praise you;

L: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

***HYMN**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Trusting in God's loving mercy, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, hear our voices, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have stumbled from the path you have called us to walk, walking alone instead of with you. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not lived in the security of your love which would make us fearless. Yet, in your great compassion and grace, you forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, ready to serve you and to follow where you lead. Sustain us with your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will, live in your light and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy name.

We reflect in silence on the ways we have fallen short.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Amen. Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! **In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Stand and Joyfully Sing

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah

40:8

“The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.” Amen.

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-

8

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Music of Thy Name

Sue Rose, Gay Piller
Joyce Counts

SECOND READING

John 13:1-8

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a

towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "LORD, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Here I Am, LORD

Beth Doeberiner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith

Through the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor, teaching by word and deed, Jesus was unjustly condemned and crucified. God raised Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally good in God's image. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. The same Spirit rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Savior, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ, and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

As you feel called, you may leave your offering in the plate in the Gathering Room or donate online at MPChurch.net.

*DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In hope, let us pray to the LORD, saying:
Loving God, **Hear our Prayer**

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***HYMN**

I, the LORD of Sea and Sky

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Here I Am LORD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

From I Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same LORD. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Here I am LORD, work through me.

May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Two Lenten Hymns:
My Song is Love Unknown
Hear, O Lord