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Second Sunday in Lent
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10:30 AM Service of Communion
Luther Place Memorial Church

GATHERING

Prelude: Deep River

arr. Wilbur Held

Justin Fitch, organ

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We welcome you to worship today! We are a church that uses social media.
You are invited to interact on this live video through the comment section.
We will offer communion today and ask that you prepare bread and wine/juice.

Noticing

Portions of today's liturgy are from the **Disrupt Worship Project** [adapted by Justin Fitch]

***Confession:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may
turn towards God and begin the work of repentance.

Silence...

P: Merciful, life-giving God,

**C: have mercy on us and forgive us. We have set our laws above yours and
have placed our faith in authorities other than you. We have insisted on
our own comfort to the neglect and indifference of our neighbors. We
have acted to preserve our own self-interest in the face of suffering. We
have lacked creativity and compassion when envisioning solutions to
the challenges your children face.**

**We are sorry, and we humbly repent. Grant us the gift of hearts that
grieve injustice, greed, hatred, and fear. Make us steadfast in faith and
give us the courage to follow you, carrying our cross. Amen.**

P: Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence
the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven.
Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have
been set free from sin. Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and
honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for
all people.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (*spoken*):

P: For the times we prize our self-interest and individuality over the well-being of others.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the ways in which we treat others as less than based on what we see instead of seeing through the eyes of Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the ways in which progress, perfection, and fear of conflict get in the way of love.

C: Lord, have mercy.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: God of growth and transformation, you promise us abundant new life. Teach us to welcome the discomfort of growth as an invitation to picking up our cross to follow you. Help us to carry our share of the world's collective burden so others may know your liberating love.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations,

for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

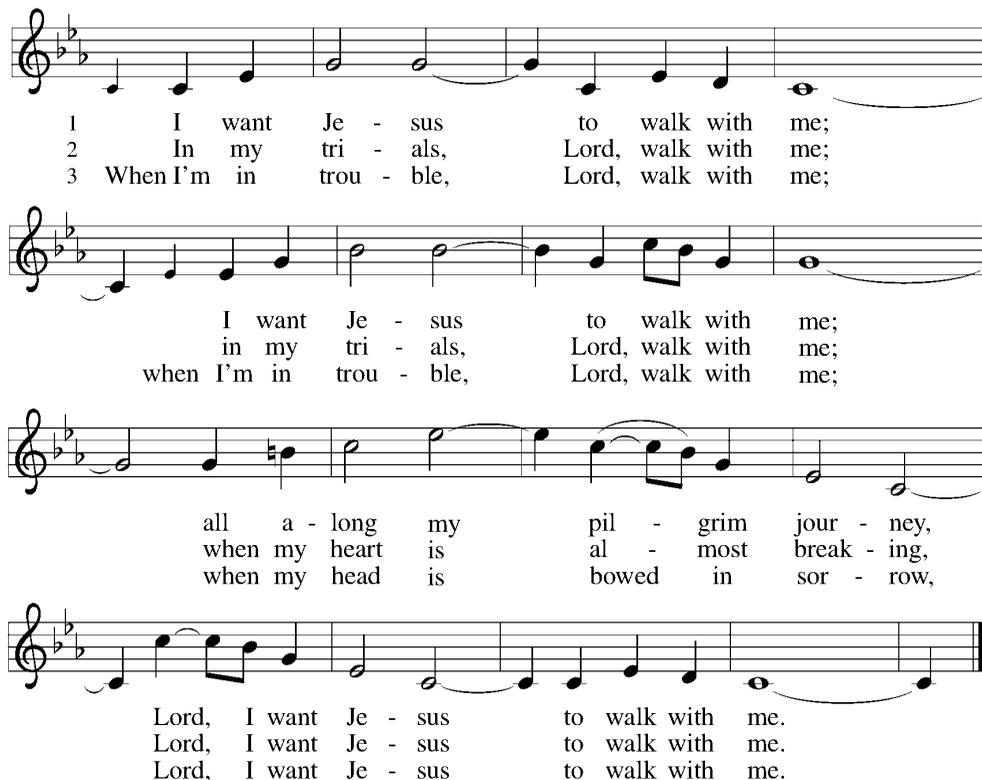
²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

Gospel Acclamation:



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²Jesus said all this quite openly. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Jesus. ³³But turning and looking at the disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴Jesus called the crowd with the disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose

their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Noticing

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Brau

Hymn of the Day: ELW 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

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In these days that are so difficult, we mine our liturgical tradition to creatively engage practices that build us up. So we say “words of renunciation” together.

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Please comment with your prayers for each category

On this second Sunday in Lent, let us pray for the church and for all people in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "**hear us, we pray.**"

God of mercy and might, bless your church throughout the world. Uphold those believers who suffer for the sake of your gospel. Strengthen the faith of all the baptized, and make your presence felt by those unable to assemble for worship. When we cry out, O faithful God, **hear us, we pray.**

Bless the earth. Save the animals and their habitats from wild and uncontrolled weather. Teach humanity to live respectful of nature and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. We ask you to smile also on Mars. When we cry out, O wondrous God, **hear us, we pray.**

Bless the nations of the world. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Lead all people around the world to receive the COVID-19 vaccine with gratitude to you. Grant to our Congress the wisdom and the will to improve the lives of all our residents. When we cry out, O warm-hearted God, **hear us, we pray.**

Bless all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We beg that you bring an end to the pandemic. Restore medical systems, and comfort all who are sick or dying. Lead us out of the practices of discrimination. Bring vindication for victims of injustice and relief to oppressed minorities. We remember before you
When we cry out, O benevolent God, **hear us, we pray.**

Bless families: those in our community, those waiting at national borders, those whose struggles are known only to you. Keep children safe; sustain expectant parents and those facing infertility; protect women in childbirth. Accompany everyone who lives alone. Equip the ministries and services of church and state that attend to families in their needs. When we cry out, O loving God, **hear us, we pray.**

Praises to you, O God, for centuries of saints whose faithfulness inspires our Lenten journey. Bless those who mourn the half million dead of the virus in our nation and the 2.5 million dead around the world. Be our way, our truth, our life, and strengthen our faith in the gift of your final salvation. When we cry out, O everlasting God, **hear us, we pray.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

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Offering

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Mission of the Moment: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Offering Prayer

P: Holy provider, we thank you for the ways in which you have provided for us. Help us know the difference between the things given to us by you, the result of our work, the gifts of community, and that which comes to us as a result of privilege. By your grace, bring us to a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy that we might bear witness to your abundance. **Amen.**

MEAL

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right...

Sanctus: ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Thanksgiving at the Table

God, our creator, you gave your only child to model for us the giving up of all earthly power, radical love of neighbor, and sharing of all possessions, even giving up life and breath in the name of love.

On the night Jesus' friend surrendered to an unholy desire for progress (or comfort), our Savior took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying "Take; eat; this is my body given over to you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he shared freely, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

With this bread, strengthen us for the Lenten journey of self-reflection, repentance, and atonement. With this wine, fill us with the fire to follow your call to deny ourselves and pick up your cross.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom,
the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

*Agnus Dei: ELW 341 Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

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Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

A: Holy One-in-Three, through your death,
we are fed with the bread of life.

Let us follow your way to the cross,
to be for others a sign of your compassion and life.

As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

C: Amen.

*Table Blessing

P: May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.

May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.

May God inspire you to transforming love that celebrates all people and all
creation.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Sending Song: Guide My Feet *by Eric Maring & Son*

Guide my feet while I run this race. [x3]
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race. [x3]
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my heart while I run this race. [x3]
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race. [x3]
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain!

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Dismissal

A: Beloved, go in peace.
Work for justice,
encounter God in all you see,
and know you are LOVED!

C: Thanks be to God!

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