

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 25th, 2018

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• *Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)* Rhonda Johnson

Prelude "Hymn-Tune Accompaniment on Dix"
The Bells of Bethel arranged by Jeffrey Honore

Silent Meditation

WE APPROACH GOD

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Leader: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

People: Thanks be to God

• **Hymn 488** "The God of Abraham Praise"

• Fellowship Greeting

(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)

Response as you return to your seat

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Chris-tian love:

The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds

Is like to that a-bove.

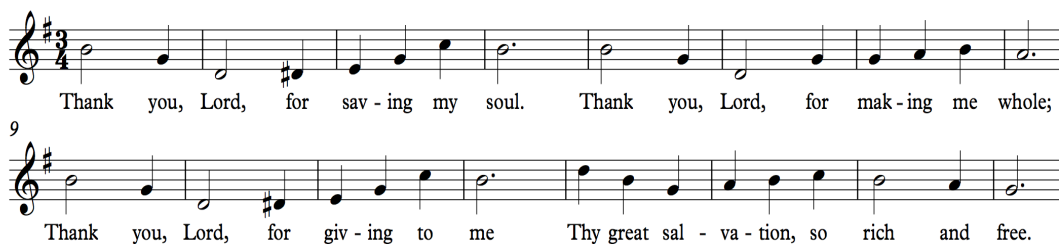
Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

Anthem "Moment by Moment" Adult Choir
(Paul and Donna Williams)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *(pages 12 & 13)*
(New Revised Standard Version)

When 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. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I 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.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I 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."

New Testament Reading: Mark 8:31-38 *(page 40)*

(New Revised Standard Version)

Then he 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the

crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal Offering

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world
Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

(Children may go to downstairs to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon)

• **Hymn Insert** "Will You Come and Follow Me"
(from the new "Glory to God" Presbyterian Hymnal)

Sermon "WHAT?!" Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD

• **Statement of Faith**
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)

• **Gloria Patri (#579)**
**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end. A-men, A-men.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Mission and Ministry

Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

• **Doxology (#592)**
**Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

•**Hymn 421** *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”*

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

•**Charge and Benediction**

•**Congregational Response**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #540 (verse 1)

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.
With a Shep-herd’s care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain*

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Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law
Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

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Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Wade & Phyllis Cash

Lay Leader Rhonda Johnson

Offering Tammy Barbour Wade Cash
 Ellen Fitzgerald Joe F. Williams

Nursery Briana Lawhorne, Libby Smith