

**First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#2088, "Lord I Lift Your Name On High," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Words & Music: Rick Founds

Copyright: 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc. (admin. by The Copyright Co., Nashville, TN)
CCLI#1963157

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

A Minute with the Psalm

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 107: 1-9]

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: For his love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this — those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

People: Then they cried out to the Lord and he delivered them from their distress. He led them the right way.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds

People: For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

*Hymn of Adoration

#14, "For the Beauty of the Earth," vs. 1, 2, 5

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To the world so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1964, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838, abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
CCLI#1963157

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all
who call upon you.

People: Save us, Lord.

Leader: Lord, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the
cross Your Son was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

People: Save us, Lord.

Leader: Father, through Christ who was obedient unto death, You have provided us
the source of all comfort, life and resurrection, peace and reconciliation:

People: Save us, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you are the savior of all who trust you.

**People: Through Christ save us, Lord. We ask that Jesus would take our sins,
be our Lamb, and grant us peace. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Psalm 91: 14-15

Leader: Let us hear these words of the Lord, "Those who love me, I will deliver. I will
protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will
be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my
salvation."

**People: This is the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Praise to the Lord!**

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#177, "You Are Mine," vs. 1, 2, 3 [refrain after vs 2 & 3]

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am here

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

Text & Music: David Haas, 1991
Copyright: GIA Publications, Inc.
CCLI#1963157

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The

tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Sermon

"Be-Wildered...Go Where You DON'T Wanna Go"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle's 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.

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

"We Are Not Alone," Leaside United Church Choir

*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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. 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 of Response

"In Christ Alone," vs. 1, 2, 4

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand'

Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Copyright: 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS) (admin. worldwide by EMI CMG Publishing
CCLI#1963157

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

#2279, "The Trees of the Field," Sing the Faith Hymnal

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you
there'll be shouts of joy
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands
the trees of the field
will clap their hands
the trees of the field
will clap their hands
while you go out with joy

Words: Steffi Geiser Ruben,

Music: Stuart Dauermann

Copyright: 1975 Lillenas Publishing Co. (admin. by The Copyright Co., Nashville,, TN)
CCLI#1963157

***Postlude**

***Please Stand if Able**