

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Improvisation on *Munich*
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship Psalm 124:8 Sonja Vernon

One: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

One: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**All: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**

*One: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Prelude Sonata in Sea, mvt. ii James Woodman
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #219** O Word of God Incarnate

***Invocation** Psalm 73:24-26

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

***Prayer of Confession** Psalm 32

Your blessing, O God, is found in a pure heart; one in which there is no deceit. We acknowledge that we have sinned and our iniquity is before you. We too often have kept You distant and lost the wonder of your presence. We've forgotten how to pray because we have stopped talking with you. Forgive us so that we might be blessed as you cover our sins. We give you thanks that in Jesus Christ, you do not count our sins against us and our guilt is gone.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

Assurance of Pardon

James 5:16

One: Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. In Jesus you are forgiven. This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

If My People will Pray

Arr. Keith Christopher

Covenant Chamber Choir

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray; If my people, which are called by my name, shall seek my face and turn from their wicked ways. Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear and will forgive, forgive their sin. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray; I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin and heal their land. Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**Offertory**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Martin How

Covenant Chamber Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of Spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing. Fair are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men, In all the freshness of youth arrayed: Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; My Jesus, thine will never fade.

***Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time toddlers and preschool children are invited to go to Junior Church.

Prayer of Dedication*Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 6:5-13

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

pg. 727, Large Print pg. 1595

*One: This is God's Word for God's People.***All: Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

A Primer on Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Getting Close and Personal with God

***Hymn #324**

Be Still, My Soul

***Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Fantasia in C major, BWV 570

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers on the communion table are dedicated to the glory of God and given by Tom and Carol Carhartt.

O Word of God Incarnate 219

The entrance of Thy words giveth light. . . Psa. 119:130

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William W. How, 1867

Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
Arr. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner Be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make Thy Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
And still that light she lift - eth O'er all the earth to shine.
It shin - eth like a bea - con A - bove the dark - ling world.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Thy true light as of old.

We praise Thee for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass That o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach Thy wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
It is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see Thee face to face. A - men.

THE SCRIPTURES

324 Be Still, My Soul

Be still, and know that I am God. Psa. 46:10

Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752
Trans. by Jane L. Borthwick, 1855

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Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for *The Hymnal*, 1933

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul! when

best, thy heav'n-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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LIFE IN CHRIST

Weekly Lenten Reflections 2021

These thoughts will come to you weekly during the Lenten Season. Let them shape your day as you take a couple moments to read, reflect, and respond with prayer. These thoughts are shaped by and adapted from *The Little Burgundy Book of Stewardship*.
by Rev. Ken Untener

Week of February 28, 2021

Read:

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves... 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
— Philippians 2:3, 5-8

Reflect:

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we stand humbled by his life and death. He lived in humility, giving up his divine prerogatives and willing lived as a servant to all humanity. He did not live for his will, but that of his heavenly Father, For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38).

Jesus' purpose seems laser sharp and focused. He was of a single mind. Our life purposes waver, they shift with moods and weather and sometimes want to be reworked because another path seems more attractive. Daily life is full of choices, prerogatives and opportunities that call to us to follow. After all, we are pressured by culture that we have the right to follow our bliss, earn a lot of money, use time the way my interests dictate. The cross, however, reveals our self-interest and pushes us to our knees. It was the humility of Jesus that brought heaven to earth and gives us eternal life today.

Those blood stains on the cross in front of us shout out to our double mindedness. The echoes of Jesus death throes push us to our knees with the overwhelming love of the Heavenly Father who calls us to empty ourselves and be a servant in the manner of my savior.

"God sat in silence while the sins of the world were placed upon His Son. Was it right? No. Was it fair? No. Was it love? Yes. In a world of injustice, God once and for all tipped the scales in the favor of hope."
— Max Lucado

Respond with Prayer and Time with God:

Set time alone with God and enjoy God's presence. Soak it in. Thank God for Jesus' obedience and focus on the Father's will.

1. Ask for a clear vision of God's call to "give away in service" for your life.
2. Where does resistance begin to push back at your will?
3. What is God calling you to set aside (empty) in your life?

— Pastor Bob Anderson

Second Week of Lent Daily Bible Readings

- Monday, March 1** Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12
Tuesday, March 2 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
Wednesday, March 3 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43
Thursday, March 4 Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10
Friday, March 5 Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40
Saturday, March 6 Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8

