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First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Minute for Mission

Becky Burmester

Call to Worship (Bold = Unison)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach
me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the
God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-8,10

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins
And close by you to stay.

And through these days of penitence,
And through this Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life
Of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Lord of mercy, hear our silent confessions.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Kyrie

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart O God,
Make it ever true
Change my heart, O God,
May we be like you.

Assurance of Pardon

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Gloria

Glory be to our Maker, to the Son and to the Holy Ghost – as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 9:8-13

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

9:9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

9:13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon

Through Transitions Into Transformation

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker

Ascription of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance
of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
We reject the false doctrine,
as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,
but to other lords—
areas in which we would not need justification
and sanctification through him.**

Barmen Declaration, 8.14 - 8.15

Lord's Prayer and Intercessions for Lent

Lord, we come to you with our prayers of intercession for your Creation because you taught us to pray by saying:

**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**

So, Lord, of hope and promise hear our prayers.

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our intercessions. For your church around the world, we ask for new life. For all who carry out ministries in your church, we ask grace and wisdom. For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, we ask inspired discipleship.

For Christians of every land, we ask new unity in your name. For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths, we ask your divine blessing. For those who cannot believe, we ask your faithful love. For governors and rulers in every land, we ask your guidance. For people who suffer and sorrow, we ask your healing peace.

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Lewis Ware, guitar

Doxology

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

SENDING

Parting Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes in holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Parting Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Due to the solemn, reflective season of Lent, there will be no postlude. We conclude the worship in silence and reflection.

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Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- Prayers of thanks for those who have been able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination
- Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.
- Pray for Elizabeth Davis, her father and her family
- Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music, videography and production;
Robert Owens, worship leader

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