

## Second Sunday in Lent: February 28, 2021

### Gathering

Prelude: "Christ the Life of All the Living"

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn: "God Loved the World"

Tune: *St. Crispin*

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| 1 God loved the world so that he gave<br>his only Son, the lost to save,<br>that all who would in him believe<br>should everlasting life receive.           | 3 If you are sick, if death is near,<br>this truth your troubled heart can cheer;<br>Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;<br>that is the firmest ground of faith. |
| 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,<br>who was made flesh and suffered death;<br>all who confide in Christ alone<br>are built on this chief cornerstone. | 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son<br>forgives all sins which you have done,<br>and justified by Jesus' blood,<br>your baptism grants the highest good.            |

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✠** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Word

### Blessing of the Lector

**P:** Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Let us pray. Bless Carole, O God of mercy, and bless us as we listen to the words of the scriptures. May they touch our hearts and lead us to return to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful;

and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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.”

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> 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.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 22:23-31

**<sup>23</sup> You 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.**

**<sup>24</sup> 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.**

**<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;**

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

**<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

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

**<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;**

**all the families of nations shall bow before God.**

**<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the Lord,**

**who rules over the nations.**

**<sup>29</sup> Indeed, 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.**

**<sup>30</sup> Their descendants shall serve the Lord,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

**<sup>31</sup> They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,**

**saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but

where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> 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.”

<sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

<sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Sermon

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection and meditation*

### Hymn of the Day: “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

- 1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spake,  
“all in my way abiding;  
deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide;  
take my example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light; I light the way,  
a godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
how you should sojourn here below.”
- 3 My heart abounds in lowliness;  
my soul with love is glowing;  
and gracious words my lips express,  
with meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all  
to God I yield; on him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee  
what harms your soul’s salvation;  
your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
from sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
and lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
and take the cross appointed,  
and, firmly clinging to his word,  
in suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

## The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Your Offering's Impact: "With the Whole Body of Christ in Mind"

## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

## The 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: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All eat bread and drink wine or juice at their seat.*

## Communion Hymn

“Take Up Your Cross,’ the Savior Said”

Tune: *Herr Jesu Christ, meins*

1 “Take up your cross,” the Savior said,  
“if you would my disciple be;  
forsake the past, and come this day,  
and humbly follow after me.”

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
for you the Lord endured the cross  
to save your soul from death and hell.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear a golden crown.

## Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending

District Award of Merit: John Cathcart

Jack Ball, DBC Training Chair

**P:** O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful leaders for your people. By your Holy Spirit give John and all Scout leaders insight into your holy word, lives that are examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### Blessing

**P:** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C:** **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

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| <p>1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,<br/>follow his example pure,<br/>through a world that would deceive us<br/>and to sin our spirits lure.<br/>Onward in his footsteps treading,<br/>pilgrims here, our home above,<br/>full of faith and hope and love,<br/>let us do our Father's bidding.<br/>Faithful Lord, with me abide;<br/>I shall follow where you guide.</p>  | <p>3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.<br/>Since by death he conquered death,<br/>he will free us from destruction,<br/>give to us immortal breath.<br/>Let us mortify all passion<br/>that would lead us into sin;<br/>then by grace we all may win<br/>untold fruits of his creation.<br/>Jesus, unto you I die,<br/>there to live with you on high.</p> |
| <p>2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,<br/>and with patience bear our cross.<br/>Joy will follow all our sadness;<br/>where he is there is no loss.<br/>Though today we sow no laughter,<br/>we shall reap celestial joy:<br/>all discomforts that annoy<br/>shall give way to mirth hereafter.<br/>Jesus, here I share your woe;<br/>help me there your joy to know.</p> | <p>4 Let us also live with Jesus.<br/>He has risen from the dead<br/>that to life we may awaken.<br/>Jesus, since you are our head,<br/>we are your own living members;<br/>where you live, there we shall be<br/>in your presence constantly,<br/>living there with you forever.<br/>Jesus, if I faithful be,<br/>life eternal grant to me.</p>       |

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

Hans Arnold Metzger

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## Worship Leaders

The Rev. Emily Beckering, Pastor

Kris Keith, Music Director

Kate Wollenburg, Organist

John Cathcart, Assisting Minister

Carole Replogle, Reader

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, February 28: 2 Lent**

10:30 am Worship

4 pm Zoom Fellowship Time

### **Tuesday, March 2**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, March 3**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

Lenten Midweek Service (online only)—

Holden Evening Prayer and

Peter’s Mother-In-Law

### **Sunday, March 7: 3 Lent**

10:30 am Worship

4 pm Zoom Sunday School

### **Tuesday, March 9**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, March 10**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

Lenten Midweek Service (online only)—

Holden Evening Prayer and Martha

## Our Life Together

**For emergency pastoral care**, please call the after-hours line at 513-760-5884.

**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel**; **Louise Barry**; **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Beth** (Elinor Schieman's daughter); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Nicole Bucknam** (friend of Millers); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Christian**; **Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Colin** (Millers' grandson); **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Lee and Jane Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **George and Sherry** (Shirley Harbaugh's cousins); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Steve Gollehon** (Elinor Schieman's cousin); **Hannah**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton**; **Mary Ann Hudecki** (Linda Miller's sister), **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Ruth Lohmeier**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Revea and Jim Mayhew** (Millers' sister & brother-in-law); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Ann Miller** (Millers' niece); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton**; **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **Ervin, Carol, Jim, and Jeannie Oerther** (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin**; **Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brothers); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape**; **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper**; **Faith Pirrmann**; **Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter &

son-in-law); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer**; **Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner**; **Jeanne Wagner**; **Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle**; **Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry**, **Barbara Moorhouse**, **Jean Nolte**, **Heather Segar**.

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey**; **Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadin and Barry Wisecup).

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