



Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Lent
25 February 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Spirit.

(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(One) We are called to this time and place to bear witness to the saving death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(All) Let us worship the living God, that all might know us by our love for the Lord seen in our love for others.

(One) Let us worship the God, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31

(One) You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

(All) For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

(One) From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

(All) The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

(One) All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

(All) For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

(One) To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

(All) Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

(One) and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

***Hymn (68)** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(1) Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name—I'm fixed upon it—
name of God's redeeming love.

(2) Here I raise to thee an altar,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

(3) O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above

Prayer of Confession *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom
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Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

Hymn (287)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

(1) Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

(2) All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

(3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

(4) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

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; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day

he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17:1 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.

17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

17:3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

17:4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

17:5 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.

17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

17:7 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.

17:15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

17:16 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."

Romans 4:13-25

4:13 For 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.

4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

4:16 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,

4:17 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.

4:18 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."

4:19 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.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

8:31 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.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 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."

8:34 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.

8:35 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.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 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."