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First Sunday in Lent

The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.

Prelude "Spiegel im Spiegel" Arvo Pärt

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Healey Willan
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

All: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, temptations, and testing.

All: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "The Glory of These Forty Days" 165

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over Your demanding claims. We settle for less than the abundant generosity You intend. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

Silent Confession

165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.



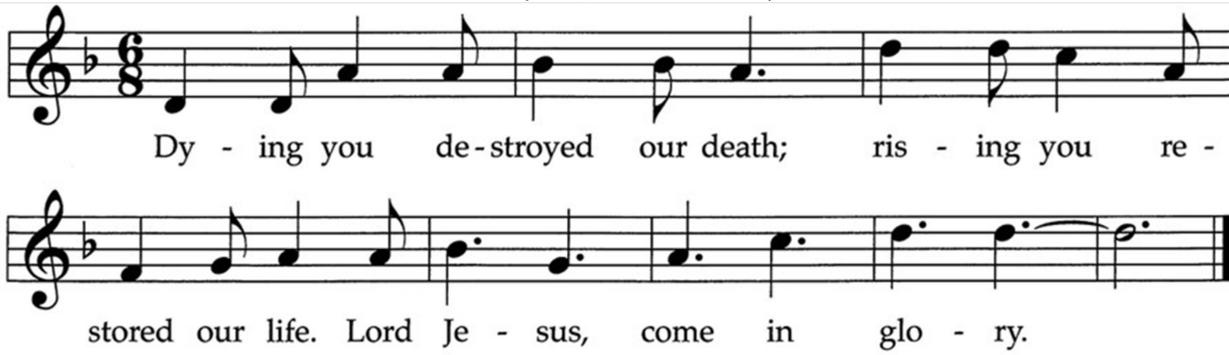
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

"Dying You Destroyed Our Death"

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Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

*Exchange of Peace

We ask that you please be mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around you

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

All: Bring Your Word to our lips, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to Your Word with our whole lives, until You become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pg. 226)

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13 (pg. 194)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 74)

Sermon

"Never Ending Questions"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

All: The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. But God’s love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B^b (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

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;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People

Offertory Sentence

As this is Communion Sunday, loose plate offerings will go to the Deacons

Offertory Anthem

"Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best,
And wound my heart in thy love free

That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!

All: Thanks be to God - whose love creates us!

Thanks be to God - whose mercy redeems us!

Thanks be to God - whose grace leads us into the future!

*Hymn

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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*Benediction

*Amen

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A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Postlude

"Menuet Gothique (Suite Gothique)"

Léon Boëllmann

**Those who can may stand*

Church Information and Announcements

We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.

Sixth is a More Light Church: A network of people seeking and affirming the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

Inclusive Language: Words matter. Jesus Christ, the living Word, reached out to all people to bring them into God's fold. The kingdom of God includes all people; therefore our language should reflect the inclusivity and equality among the people of God. To that end, when possible, we seek to eliminate the inherent bias of the English language toward the masculine gender without altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture, out of which the Bible originated.

Masks: EVERYONE, vaccinated or not, is asked to wear a mask while inside the building.

Prayer Cards: If you would like to have a person named and prayed for during the pastoral prayer, please fill out one of the white cards by the bulletins/ushers and give it to Vincent prior to the service.

Recording Notice: This service is being livestreamed and is available online in perpetuity

Seating: While distancing is not required, we do encourage people to leave space as attendance allows and to be mindful of people's continued need for distance

Registration: We are glad for all who have come! Please fill out the friendship pad and leave it in the pew. We will use that information for contact tracing as needed.

COVID Exposure: If you test positive for COVID and you have been in the building within the week prior, please contact the office immediately so that we can conduct contact tracing

Church Nursery: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

Sunday School and Extended Session: Sunday school for children in preschool through third grade is held during Extended Session each week during worship. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

Virtual Sunday School: Children of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. Links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

Adult Sunday School: Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill or the church office to receive the Zoom link and to be added to his email list.

Water of Baptism: Each Sunday we pour water into our baptismal font to reaffirm the covenant that God makes through this community of faith

Candles for Peace, Justice and Personal Prayers: You are welcome to come forward to light a candle anytime during worship when words are not being spoken. Please maintain physical distance while waiting your turn.

Children and Candles: We love having children participate in the service, and we ask that—in order to maintain everyone’s safety—you accompany your child while lighting candles.

Fellowship: We are not providing coffee or other refreshments after worship at this time

Today’s Service: Kate Kennedy (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Sara Berg, Mary Lang, Amy Whipple (ushers)

Next Week’s Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Next Week’s Message: “From Lament to Reparations”

Bible Study: Pastor Vincent’s weekly Bible study of the lectionary texts meets Wednesdays at 10:30 am over Zoom. Contact the office to be added to the email update list.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, March 6

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Nominating Committee (1:30, Zoom)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, March 7

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, March 9

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, March 10

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, March 12

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 13

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, March 14

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Tuesday, March 15

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

Wednesday, March 16

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)
Deacons (7 pm, Zoom)

Thursday, March 17

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)
Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, March 19

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 20

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
Nominating Committee (12:15 pm, Parlor)
RTF/Worship Committee (12:15 pm, Pastor’s Study)
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Session Members

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Linda May
Jan Myers-Newbury
Phyllis Rupert

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Beth Hazlett
Pam Howe
Mary Lang

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Myra Kazanjian, *Parish Associate*

John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*