



The Season of Lent

March 13, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

Holy One,
as we light our Christ candle today,
may we be mindful of how your love persistently shines even in
our times of wandering,
our times of searching for the truth,
our times of doubt and pain.
Be the light of our lives, we pray; bring us back to you again.

Call to Worship

If God is a hen,
we are under God's wing.
If God is a table,
we each have a seat.
If God is a house,
we are safe from the storm.
If God is a party,
we're invited to dance.
If God is a melody,
our names are the lyrics.
If this is God's house,
then all are welcomed.
All are loved.
All belong.
Let us worship Holy God.

Full to the Brim

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Call to Confession

Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt.
Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts
with being honest.
So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us
like a mother hen.
Let us confess our sins together...

Prayer of Confession

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
**"I will keep on.
I will keep on healing.
I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.
I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.
I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.
I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God's promised day."
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, because Jesus' love just keeps going, we can trust that
love and grace exist for us.
So rest in this good news:
**No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are
under God's wing.
We are loved, held, and forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart (More Voices 79)

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Refrain Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

- 1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*
- 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
each thought, word, and deed
my living bring you glory. *Refrain*
- 3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ
may we welcome one another. *Refrain*

Scripture Readings (Margaret Chambers)

Christian Scripture (New Testament): Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

Reflection: Mother Hen's Lament

Affirmation of Faith (Bill)

(A modern paraphrase of Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light.

The Lord surrounds me like a warm, familiar quilt, in layers of grace.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the sturdy foundation and the roof over my head.

I am not afraid.

When the world is at its worst—

when grief clings to my bones,

when fear eats at my confidence,

when loneliness moves into my house—

God sets the table, turns on the lights, and invites me to dance.

So even though there are days that feel like too much to bear, I know—I am not alone.

So I ask the Lord, I seek and I pray—

let me live in your house all of my days. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Love is the Touch (More Voices 89)

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- 1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 4 Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

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- 1 Put peace into each other's hand
And like a treasure hold it,
Protect it like a candle flame,
With tenderness enfold it.

- 2 Put peace into each other's hands
With loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways,
In touch with God's creation.

- 5 Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
In touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands;
The Peace that sought and found you.

Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

Postlude

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