

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023

The Tree of Life

Welcoming

Mission and Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music: What Wondrous Love

Walker's southern Harmony (1835), arranged by John Carter

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Candles of Lent

Opening Hymn: **Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

(Voices United 333)

Words: Charles Wesley 1747

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1831

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Choir Anthem: God So Loved the World

by John Stainer

Scripture Reading

The Epistle: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Reflection

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

Words: Alison M. Robertson, 1998

Music John L. Bell, 1998

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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.

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

Offering Prayer

**We offer these gifts in gratitude
for healing love,
strengthening presence,
and hope when things seem hopeless.
May these in some small way
communicate your love
with those around us,
and with those around the world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: **Three Things I Promise**

(More Voices 176, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

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- 1 Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

2 Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

3 I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

6 Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Blessing

Benediction: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Voices United 121)

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In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ is Lord of all we do.

Postlude: Love Divine

"Beecher" by John Zundel, arranged by Don Hustad

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reader – Barbara Shobbrook
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Christine Smith and Friends
Pat Shumka offers flowers in celebration
of the life of her husband, Les Shumka.