



Heritage United Methodist Church

MARCH 13, 2022, SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise God of Grace and God of Glory #577 UMH

Opening Prayer Liturgist—BJ Clark

Merciful God, we come today to worship you. We pray that as we hear your Word, we will understand the path you want us to travel. Knowing what awaited him, Jesus kept walking to Jerusalem. Guide us and give us the strength to follow Jesus. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Children’s Moment Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #349 UMH

Scripture Psalm 27:1, 4, 11-14 Liturgist—BJ Clark

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer Rev. Maria Campbell

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. Amen.

Anthem **Graves Into Gardens** *(Lake, Brown, Furtick, Hammer)* Melissa & Russ Barker

Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Maria Campbell

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Message

"Under the Wings"

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist—BJ Clark

Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, guide us to walk beside Jesus as he journeys to Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts, help us to be courageous and face the problems of this world. May we be like Jesus and walk toward them. We pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Closing Song

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

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Blessing

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Postlude

Worship Song Leader - Jacob Eppel Pianist—Jenny Memmott Organist—Margaret Cinotto



Worship Song Sheet 3.13.22

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace, and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fear and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, (of these days) for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, (we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, (wonderful face,) and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

A Devotion for the second week of Lent

Am I "ALL IN" ? (Thoughts on Going with Jesus)

If we're going to "Go With Jesus" this Lenten season, we need to start by looking to Scripture to see what it means. Matthew 16:24 is one place we get Jesus' words on going with Him.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me..."

First, He says we must deny ourselves. He asks us to set aside selfish interest. But how much? Our United Methodist vows say we'll support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. I strive to be obedient to these vows, but I admit that I also would like to have parts of my life that are "my own". I am sure Jesus isn't asking for a certain percentage of my time and a certain percentage of my activity ----- He wants all of me, 100 percent ----- complete surrender of my selfish interests. C. S. Lewis uses the analogy that if we're wading in the shallow water, that is not what Jesus desires. He wants us to get out of our depth and out of our own control.

I wear a gold cross that to me is a symbol of faith, hope, and resurrection; but the cross Jesus spoke of was a symbol of suffering, torture and death in those times. He asks us to be willing to endure whatever may come as a result of our belief in Him. Few of us are called on to really suffer for our faith, but I know that at times I have failed to stand up as I should in order to "fit in with the crowd". My prayer is that God will give me the strength to better handle even such a small, small cross.

Jesus finally asks us to "follow Me". If we are going to go with Jesus, He's telling us to let him lead. We cannot be in charge. Our culture of meritocracy and self-reliance makes letting go hard. We need to believe in Him and conform to His example in living. The example of Jesus was as an advocate for the least, the lame, and the lost. Following Jesus does not let us turn a blind eye or deaf ear to the ills so evident in our society.

Jesus' words lay a heavy burden on us. I often find it hard to totally give all of myself to Jesus. When I feel this way I pray for God's help and try to remember He told us "My yoke is easy and My burden is light" -*Matthew 11:30*.

PRAYER—Lord Jesus, I want to deny myself, take up my cross daily, and go with You. Help me to live not for myself, but for You. In Your name I pray, Amen.

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