



Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“Prelude on PICARDY”

Charles Callahan

Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

God’s voice names us in holy love.

Christ’s voice chastens us when we go astray.

The Spirit’s voice draws us back to the paths of righteousness.

Welcome and Announcements

Connie Hubbell

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Almighty God,

whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross:

Give us faith to perceive his glory,

that we may be strengthened to bear our cross,

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Kurt Kaiser

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been
sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Mark 8: 31-38

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful

generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Second Lesson

Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Walk with me and be trustworthy. I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants." Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be Abram but Abraham. I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants' God after you.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Paul Baloche

Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

(Repeat)

*Postlude

“Postlude in C Major”

Domenico Zipoli

Brad Stipcak, Organ

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Susan Burris, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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