



# 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Change My Heart”  
Eddie Espinosa, arr. Mark Hayes  
Jon Packard, Piano

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Prelude in B Minor, Op. 28 No. 6”  
Chopin  
Jon Packard, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

*What is God saying when it is said “that in God there is no fear?”  
Do you fear? Do you trust in God even as you fear?*

Welcome and Announcements

Peggy McAdoo

Introit

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Fenton Groden  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Today, God comes to us, to gather us in worship:

**To wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.**

Tomorrow, the Word of God comes, calling us to go forth to serve:

**To bring hope to those who have none, to love all tossed aside  
by indifference.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"  
Brad Stipcak, Organ  
Trinity Handbell Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Sung Response (GTG 741) vs 1

"Guide My Feet"

**Hold my hand while I run this race;  
hold my hand while I run this race;  
hold my hand while I run this race;  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

Reading

**I have such fear about this journey. There is so much going on in my life right now! I don't think I can take on a Lenten journey. There are people whose faith is so much stronger than mine is. How can I serve the Lord? I don't know what to do. I don't have the fancy words that would bring comfort to the hearts of people who are troubled. I can't even solve my own problems. You ask me to reach out and take your hand, O Jesus, but I fear that I may fall and falter. Hold my hand, precious Lord. Hold my hand.**

Sung Response (GTG 741) vs 3

**Stand by me while I run this race;  
Stand by me while I run this race;  
Stand by me while I run this race;  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

Reading

**I can't do this, Lord. I can't serve you. I can barely take care of myself. There are so many things which are burdening me right now. I can't stand, or walk, or serve in the way you should be served. I fear that what I have to offer won't be enough. I am sinking in my doubts. Lord, stand by me, please stand by me.**

Sung Response (GTG 741) vs 4

**I'm your child while I run this race;  
I'm your child while I run this race;  
I'm your child while I run this race;  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

## Reading

I have heard it said that God has adopted us to be God's own children. How can this be? Why would God want someone as lacking as me? I'm not sure what it means to be your child, O Lord. I don't know if I measure up - certainly I don't measure up to Christ. Sometimes I feel hopeless, discouraged. I need your presence and your love. You have called me your child. You have given me the name "beloved" - I am your child, Lord, I am yours.

## Sung Response (GTG 741) vs 6

**Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race;  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

## Reading

There are too many times which I feel as though I am spinning around in circles. I am called to go here; to go there; to be this kind of person; to be that kind of person. You have reached out to me, one who is called beloved, and you have laid your claim on my heart. I feel your presence with me as you hold my hand, stand by me, and call me your own. Now, Lord, guide my feet. I place all my trust and my life in your care.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Carol Shannahan

### THE WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will

have.” Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram’s high moral character.

He said to Abram, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession.”

But Abram said, “Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?”

He said, “Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon.” He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn’t split the birds. When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. 18 That day the Lord cut a covenant with Abram: “To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt’s river to the great Euphrates,

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Second Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here because Herod wants to kill you.”

Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it’s necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.”

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

## Third Lesson

Psalms 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The LORD is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—

it’s they, my foes and my enemies,

who stumble and fall!

If an army camps against me,

my heart won't be afraid.  
If war comes up against me,  
I will continue to trust in this:  
I have asked one thing from the LORD—  
it's all I seek:  
to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life,  
seeing the LORD's beauty  
and constantly adoring his temple.  
Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling  
during troubling times;  
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;  
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.  
Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,  
and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—  
sacrifices with shouts of joy!  
I will sing and praise the LORD.  
LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out—  
have mercy on me and answer me!  
Come, my heart says, seek God's face.  
LORD, I do seek your face!  
Please don't hide it from me!  
Don't push your servant aside angrily—  
you have been my help!  
God who saves me,  
don't neglect me!  
Don't leave me all alone!  
Even if my father and mother left me all alone,  
the LORD would take me in.  
LORD, teach me your way;  
because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.  
Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies,  
because false witnesses and violent accusers  
have taken their stand against me.  
But I have sure faith  
that I will experience the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living!  
Hope in the LORD!  
Be strong! Let your heart take courage!  
Hope in the LORD!

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“Wait For God Even In The Nitty Gritty Parts Of Life,  
For You Are Not Alone!”

Rev. Carol Shannahan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of the Belhar

Congregation

We believe ...

that God wishes to teach the church  
what is good and to seek the right.

We believe ...

that the church must therefore  
stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
which implies, among other things,  
that the church must witness against  
and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe ...

that the church as the possession of God  
must stand where the Lord stands,  
namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe ...

that in following Christ  
the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged  
who selfishly seek their own interests  
and thus control and harm others.

Therefore ...

we reject any ideology  
which would legitimate forms of injustice  
and any doctrine which is unwilling  
to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Renfrow

Jon Packard, Piano

\*Doxology Hymn No. 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Amen.**

Congregation  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Prayer of Dedication

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.*

\*Sending Hymn No. 224

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**  
Brad Stipcak, Organ  
Trinity Handbell Choir

\*Responsive Charge and Blessing

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with God:

**We will take the Word of grace into our world.**

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with Jesus:

**We will shelter those who have nowhere else to go.**

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with the Spirit

**We will gather the forsaken into our hearts. AMEN**

\*Sung Response GTG 701

**"Lord, Prepare Me"**  
Jon Packard, Piano

\*Postlude

**"More Precious Than Silver"**  
Lynn DeShawn, arr. Mark Hayes  
Jon Packard, Piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Carol Shannahan, Presider

Peggy McAdoo, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ

Jon Packard, Piano

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

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