Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023



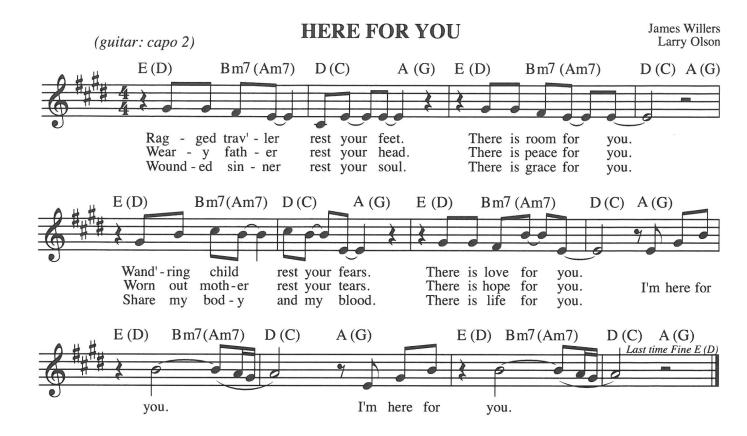


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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – "Here for You"



Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

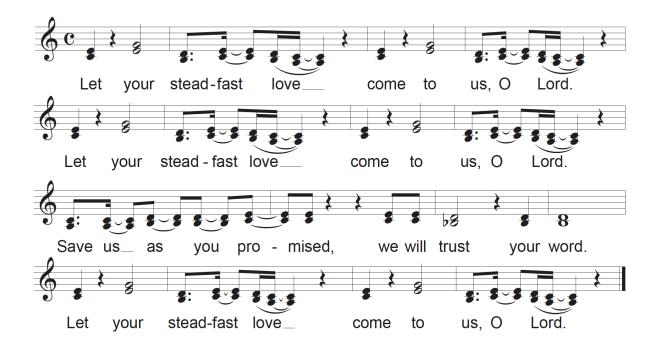
Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: Vs. 1 and chorus

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from John 3 verses 1-17.



(Reader): Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, (Side 1): "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

(Reader): Jesus answered him,

(Side 2): "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

(Reader): Nicodemus said to him,

(ALL): "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

(Reader): Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him,

(Side 1): "How can these things be?"

(Reader): Jesus answered him,

(Side 2): "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

(Reader): "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

(Side 1): "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

(Side 2): "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

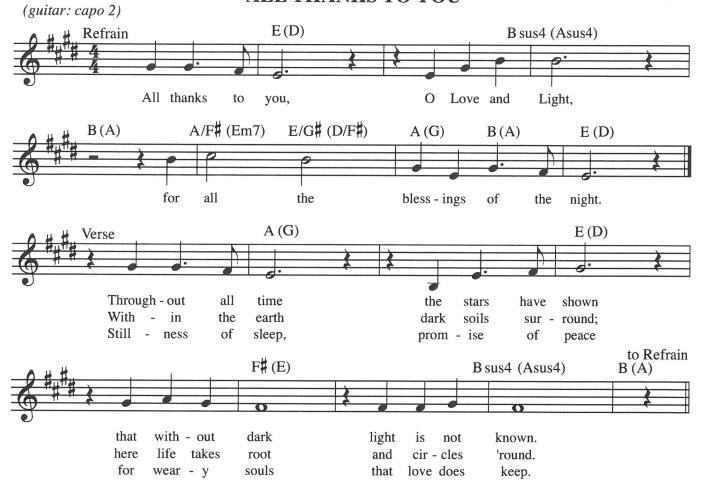
(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day - "All Thanks To You"

ALL THANKS TO YOU



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Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Lord, who is mercy:

And you are invited to respond: Hear our prayer.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ. God's only Son. our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Offering

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^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

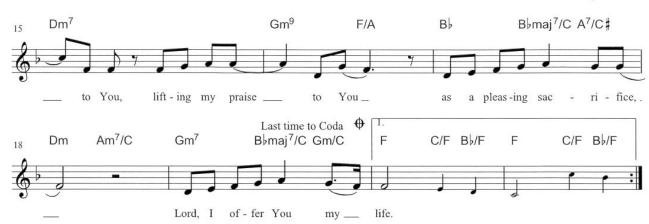
I Offer My Life

Words and Music by Claire Cloninger and Don Moen



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The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing together:

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

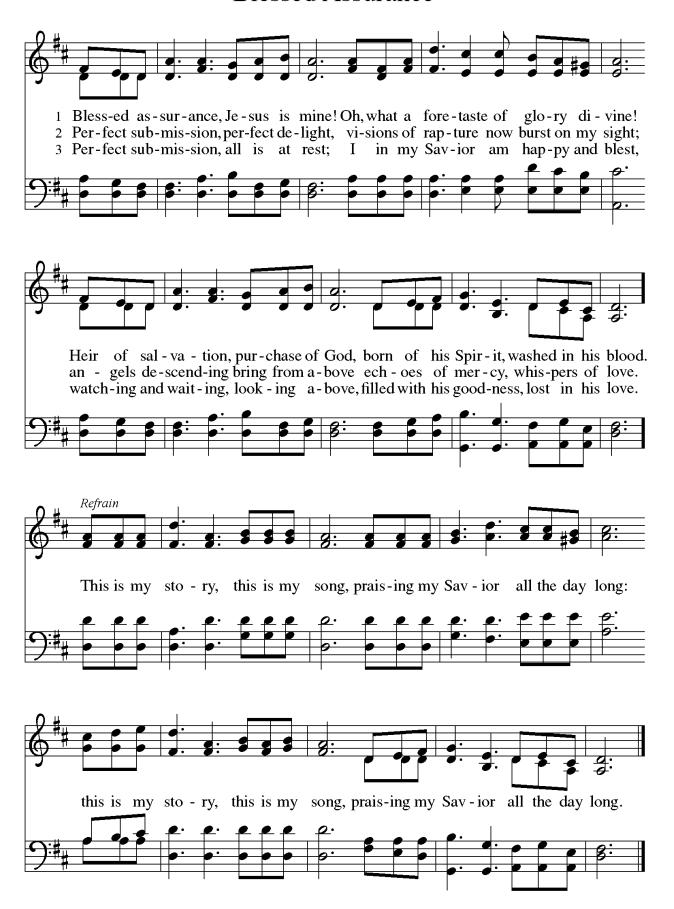
We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth. So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Blessed Assurance", "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", "Eat this Bread".

Blessed Assurance



My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table. you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

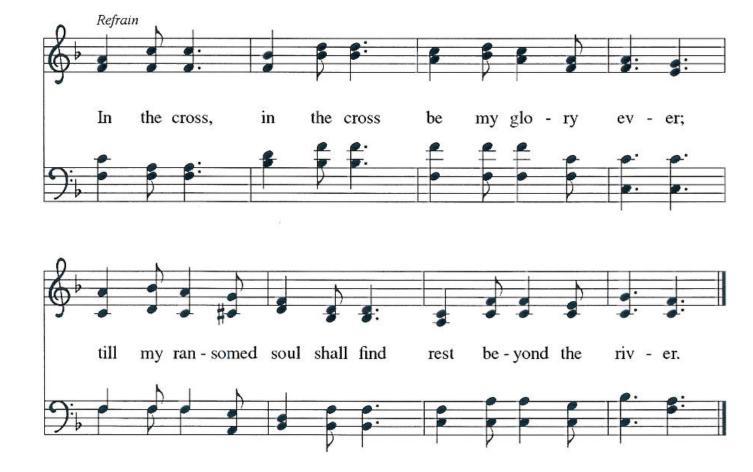
Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

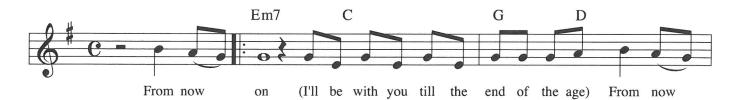
MILESTONES! – "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Refrain It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.



Final Blessing

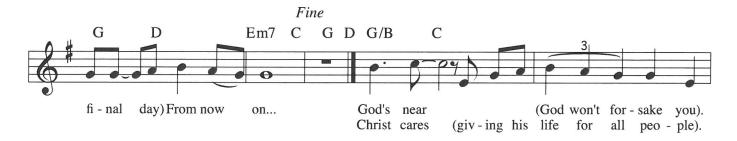
May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. William Sloane Coffin

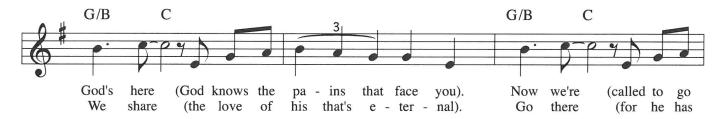
Sending Song: "From Now On"

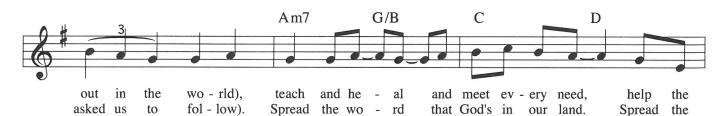




on (your kingdom come for this we'll live and we'll pray) From now on (we'll work for peace un-til the









Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out





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