

Morning Worship
March 17, 2019
2nd Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

Drischner

The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.

Greeting

Dr. Dan Sansbury

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

*Call to Worship

Karen Tillman

Here in this holy place we come to worship the Creator of all things.

In you, Almighty God, we experience faith, hope and love.

Here in this sacred space we come to know God's amazing grace and boundless welcome.

In you, Jesus Christ, Son of God, we find healing and reconciling love.

Here on this day of rest and renewal, we are filled with the peace of God, the peace that surpasses human understanding.

In you, Holy Spirit, we find our inspiration, our joy and our enthusiasm for loving and serving God and one another.

*Hymn 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Invitation to Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8-9)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and Almighty God, we confess you as Lord over all time and all things. And yet, we admit to you today that we too easily become anxious over what is happening around us, and what may happen to us. We worry instead of trust, and we fear instead of exercise faith. We try to control what is beyond our personal control. Forgive us, O God, for not believing more fully in you, and trusting every life decision to your loving care. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. Enable us to love you and serve you and one another more joyfully and faithfully.

Amen. (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrated his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . . There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in union with Christ Jesus. (Romans 5:8; 8:10)

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE: 175 *Seek Ye First*

* Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Minute for Mission

Pastor Nominating Committee

Dan Tillman

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *God Give Us Peace*

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* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

*Prayer of Dedication

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Dr. Dan Sansbury

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Anthem *Gentle Voice*

Susan and Lee Dengler

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.

"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to Me. I will give you rest.

Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your anger,

And bring your worry." Do you hear the voice of Jesus,

Gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.

"You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest.

Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your heartaches

And bring your sorrow." Do you hear the voice of Jesus,

Gently calling, Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words so rich in mercy.

"You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest."

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 32:1-8, 21-24

New Testament Lesson Matthew 6:24-34

Philippians 4:6-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

"OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, II: The Wilderness of Anxiety"

*Hymn 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*Affirmation of Faith *(Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *In A Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

* Postlude *Take the Name of Jesus With You*

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If you are interested in knowing more about this congregation, or in officially joining as a church member, please speak to Dr. Sansbury after the worship service. All persons **are invited** to participate in all the ministry activities of our congregation.

TODAY is the second Sunday of Lent. Dr. Sansbury's messages during Lent will focus on the theme of "wilderness." We will remember the Exodus stories of the Israelites in the wilderness, and many others. As a Church, we seek God's clear guidance for our future together.

