

Order of Worship
March 5th 2023 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Prelude

If You Look

Sister Miriam Therese Winter

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We've come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for You, O God.**

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Amen.

~ Christine Longhurst

Hymn of Praise

We Declare That The Kingdom Of God Is Here

WS #258

Chorus

We declare that the kingdom of God
is here

(We declare that the kingdom of
God is here)

We declare that the kingdom of God
is here

(We declare that the kingdom of
God is here)

Among you (among you)

Among you (among you)

Verse

The blind see the deaf hear
The lame men are walking
Sicknesses flee at His voice

The dead live again

And the poor hear the good news
Jesus is King so rejoice

Chorus

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Ending

We declare that the kingdom of God
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(We declare that the kingdom of
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We declare that the kingdom of God
is here

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Opening Prayer

Friends of God, believe this –
God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved! May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling. So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears,
and your longings;
come, to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy. Come, in friendship to God
and to each other,
and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling. Friends of God,
let us worship!
Amen.

~ written by Ann Siddall

Special Music

Listening Ear
Mack Bailey

Scripture Reading

Jacqui Horton, reader

John 3:1-17
NIV

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Jacqui Horton, Reader

Offertory

Am I Ready

Chris Nole and Bonny Moon

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

RH #630 (Verses 1-3)

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield
thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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Closing Prayer

Jesus,
you have known us from the beginning of time,
you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame,
you know us as your beloved. Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of repentance
and mercy.
Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us
as we seek the same in you. **Amen.**

~ author unknown

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Mack Bailey,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeters - Marie Kelly and Doug Endicott
Reader - Jacqui Horton
Altar - Sue de Campo

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