

## **Leading Worship This Evening**

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**Joint Congregational Service**

**United Presbyterian Church  
& Pioneer Parish**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 17th, 2021**

**5:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

Alex Sandor  
Rev. Brett M Foote

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Joel 2:1, 12-16) **Rev. Rich Blood**

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a feast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

**All: Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged and the young, men and women, all who rejoice and all who grieve.**

One: "Even now," says the Holy One, "return to me with weeping and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments."

**All: We will return to the Holy One, our God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**HYMN** O Master, Let me Walk with Thee #738

**RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS**

*Psalm 91* Rev. Kathryn Craven

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

**All: Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

One: For God will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**All: God will cover you with God's pinions,  
and under God's wings you will find refuge;  
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

One: You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

**All: Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the  
destruction that wastes at noonday.**

One: A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

**All: You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,

**All: No evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your home.**

One: For God will command God's angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**All: On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

One: You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under  
foot.

**All: Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

One: When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

**All: With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**AN INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE  
INCLUDING A TIME FOR SILENCE, CONFESSION AND  
PERSONAL REFLECTION**

(You are invited to take this time for your own reflection—what hinders your relationship with God? What obstacles keep you from being the person God calls you to be? What are those things you could fast from or take on in this season that would fundamentally change you or your neighbor’s physical and spiritual life?)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Witness and believe the good news of the gospel: Because of Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven, Amen.**

**HYMN**      *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*      **#159**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**                      **Rev. Kathryn Craven**

*Old Testament Reading*    *Isaiah 58:1-12*

*New Testament Reading*    *Matthew 6:1-6*

**HOMILY**                      **“Getting It Right This Time”**  
   **Leslie Anderson, CRE**

**HYMN**                      *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      **#629**

**Offering - Rev. Brett Foote** (Tonight’s combined offering will go to a local mission in Superior)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**                                      **Rev. Rich Blood**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**                      *Wait For The Lord*                      **#90**

**BENEDICTION**    **Leslie Anderson, CRE**  
**POSTLUDE**

Shout out, do not hold back! Up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not? Humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up; your vindicator go before, the glory of the LORD be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD answer; shall cry for help, and He will say, here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among, pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD guide you continually, satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, a spring of water, waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

# 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

# 159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth - le - hem, of shep - herds watch - ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy;  
 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an - gels in the air.  
 O sing of fra - grant flow - ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy.  
 of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still.  
 of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way.

The light that shone on Beth - le - hem fills all the world to - day.  
 For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow.  
 For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,  
 For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave,

Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an - gels sing al - way.  
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up - on the soul.  
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might - y now to save.

# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

# 90 Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)

*Refrain*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

## PSALM 27

### *Refrain*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
**and though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in the LORD.**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
**to behold the fair beauty of the LORD,  
to seek God in the temple. Refrain**
- 5 For on the day of trouble the LORD shall shelter me in safety;  
the LORD shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 **Even now the LORD lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD. *Refrain*