Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Hymn 59

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you for give the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

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. A-men, A-men.

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction Caroline Simmons Latham

Questions

Bonnie Mecaughey

Do you acknowledge Caroline's need of the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

We do

Do you claim God's covenant promises and benefits for *Caroline* by faith and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ For the salvation of your child as you do your own? *We do*

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and Do you promise by relying on God's power and grace Through the Holy Spirit to live an exemplary life before Your child?

We do

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for your child, to Teach your child the Scriptures and the great articles of Our faith in Jesus Christ?

We do

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, Including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to Bring your child up in the loving discipline of the Lord? **We do**

Questions for the Congregation

Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child? **We do**

Do you commit yourselves to set a godly example before this child, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that this child may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? **We do**

Baptism

Prayer Bonnie Mecaughey

Blessing Pamela Johnson

The LORD bless you and keep you; And the LORD make his face to shine upon you, And give you peace, and give you peace. And give you peace forever.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,

and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

Offering

Offertory Nobody Love Me Like You Tomlin

Bill Mecaughey guitar / vocals

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. A-men

Prayer of Dedication

Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. For his name and glory we pray and present our gifts. **Amen!**

∮ Hymn 274

Break Now the Bread of Life

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Jesus Feeds the 5,000 Dan Baker

Scripture Reading Mark 6:31-44

³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Sermon

"The Feeding of the 5,000" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

y Hymn 68

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you

proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come

again!

Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Cornerstone

Verse 1 (2x)
My hope is guilt on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus's name.

Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

Verse 2
When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and storm gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Verse 3
When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Doreen Newby, Chuck Stauffer

Postlude