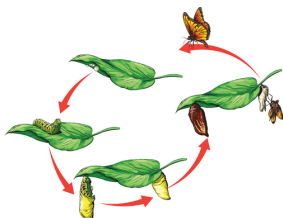


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, February 28, 2021
Lent II

From Caterpillar to Cocoon to Butterfly

Many symbols are associated with the celebration of the season of Lent and Easter, but the butterfly maybe one of our favorites. Its life cycle, from humble caterpillar to dark cocoon to glorious butterfly, is often paralleled with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This season, we celebrate God's promise of new life as we consider the stages of the butterfly and how they illumine for us God's Word.



“Gathering in God’s presence...

Prelude

Wondrous Love

arr. Wilbur Held

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God of the ages, train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice.

People: As we pick up our crosses to follow you, raise us to newness of life.

Leader: Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we worship,

People: And may we be transformed, transformed into your butterfly people,

Leader: winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope, and life.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!***

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!***

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

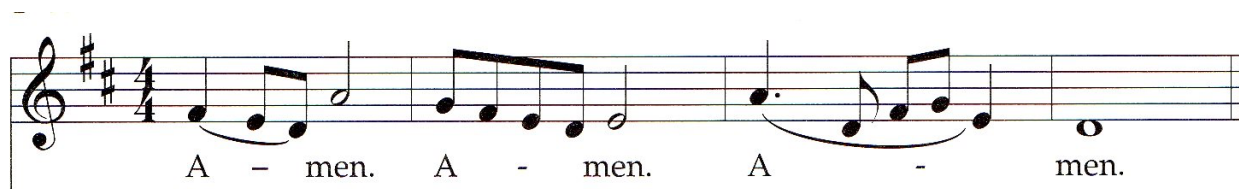
Assurance of Pardon

By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross, we find ourselves. By saying yes to the good news of Christ's spirit, we find faith and wholeness. Hear and believe, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response

Amen

McNeil Robinson II



Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Read:

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Celebrating God's Gift of Children



Response

In the Bulb

Hymn of Promise

***In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

Reflection

From Caterpillar to Cocoon to Butterfly

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayers of the People & The 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.

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Doxology #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

harm. Hooker

...Sending in God's Name."

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Vocals – David Yandle
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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