

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
367 Church Street  
Montrose, Pennsylvania 18801

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(\*Please stand with your heart or your posture as you are able)

10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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OUR PREPARATION

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

WORDS OF WELCOME

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS

PRELUDE:

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. Broughton

\*INTROIT

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, alive to God's dream of a rainbow world.

**All: We come, each a fragment of possibility.**

One: We come together to be a vision of beauty and grace.

**All: We come together as God's promise of hope.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**We come to you, O God, in this Season of Lent, to reflect again on Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond that, to resurrection. We dare to do that, supported by stories of the many promises and covenants you made to your people throughout history. Come to us in this season, O God, and remind us once again that you're always with us: in death and resurrection, in desert and in flood. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"God of Creation, All Powerful"

Tune: #339, Be Thou My Vision

CCLI Song # 217232, CCLI License # 1564123

*God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise,  
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,  
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,  
we are your children--you hear when we call.*

*God of the ages, through time's troubled years  
you are the One in whom history coheres;  
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,  
moving in freedom, yet working your will.*



RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25:1-10

One: <sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

All: <sup>2</sup> **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

One: <sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

All: <sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**

One: <sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

All: <sup>6</sup> **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

One: <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

All: <sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

One: <sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All: <sup>10</sup> **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON "Sign of God's Promise"

Rev. Lisa Heckman

\*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Blue 473 VV. 1,2,4,5

*For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: This first day of Lent reminds us of God's rainbow promise to renew all creation and is a time to remember God's promise to us in our baptism. Let us recall God's promises to us through water.

All: **This is water from God's world.  
It tells us about the promise God gives:  
to renew us, to forgive us, to lead us,  
into unknown and undiscovered futures.**

One: It is the water of baptism. It is the water of life.

**All: This is water from God's world.**

**It tells us about God's community:**

**always creating, always inviting, always calling us  
into a life grounded in eternity.**

One: It is the water of baptism. It is the water of life.

**All: This is water from God's world.**

**It tells us about a time before memory:**

**where God first loved us;**

**where God first spoke our names;**

**where God first introduced us;**

**calling us to follow Jesus through the waters.**

One: It is the water of baptism. It is the water of life.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.*

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OURSELVES

Our February Mission is International Students, Inc. headed by the Newbranders

OFFERTORY: "Andante in F"

Beethoven

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "God of the Sparrow"

Blue 272

*God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?  
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?*

*God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?  
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?*

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?  
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?*

\*BENEDICTION

One: Gather up God's promises for the journey.  
Gather up and take them with you into the world:  
they are God's signs of a new world coming.  
The promise:

**All: we will gather it!**

One: The good news:

**All: we will proclaim it!**

One: The journey:

**All: we will travel it!**

One: The cross:

**All: we will carry it!**

One: The season:

**All: we will celebrate it!**

One: Go now, and be God's people in a world that needs you.

**All: Amen!**

\*RESPONSE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.*

POSTLUDE: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Hernaman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome all who are worshipping with us on this Lord's Day.**

If anyone has a prayer request, a concern, or any other comments, please share them during our Prayer and Concerns Moment prior to the Prelude or let Rev. Lisa know by email or a phone call.

Today we're using the Blue Presbyterian Hymnal.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

**Director of Music and Organist:** Johanna Masters

**Pianist:** Tim Masters

**Guest Organist:** Martha Denkenberger

**Head Usher/Greeter:** Doug Overfield

**Liturgist:** Anne Lathrop

**Zoom Host:** Sammie Moore

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Preston Sprout, Al Evans, William Trueman, Brenda Butts, Johanna and Tim Masters, Cassie Strohl, Carl Bufford, Joe Fiorentino, Linda Kenny (Charles Seifert's sister), Robert and Sherry Atticks (Patty Lasher's brother and sister-in-law), Sarah Bertsch, Ben Hawley, Gail Alquist, David Hibbard, Sue Kipar, Mark Willie Kasten, Evelyn Van Kuren, Priscilla Wilcox, Steve Van Kuren, Missy Bennett, Debbie Kessler, Vera James, Rev. H. C. Page, Rev. Richard Wright, our shut-ins, our young people, our military.....Eric Jenner, Travis Walter, Mark Larson and Elliot Williams, our country and president, our church, community, our missionaries, and each other.

(Please let us know when someone should be added or removed from this list.)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**TODAY**                    10:00 AM - Worship Service via Zoom and in the Sanctuary  
                                     7:30 PM - Broadcast of the morning service over WPEL

**MONDAY**                    7:00 PM - Boy Scouts

**WEDNESDAY**            10:00 AM - Quilt Tying  
                                     4:00 PM - Bible Study via Zoom: "Entering the Passion"

**NEXT SUNDAY**        10:00 AM - Worship via Zoom and in the Sanctuary  
                                     7:30 PM - Broadcast of the morning service over WPEL

**Please Note: 2021 Per Capita** - As most of you are aware, our church is assessed a per capita per each active member. This amount is divided between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. 2021's Per Capita is \$35.00 for each active member. If you are able and wish to help out financially by paying your own per capita, please make out your check to the church and memo it "per capita". The breakdown of this money is \$23.65 for Presbytery, \$2.40 for Synod, and \$8.95 for General Assembly.