

**First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022**

**Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence**

Prelude

*For All a Full Atonement Made
Arietta*

*Howell
Peterson*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

! Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

Journey with us, O holy God, as we begin our way to the cross.

Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves.

Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts,

that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond

to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

! Hymn 92

Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him**

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive 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

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.
Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.*

Offering

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

Invitation Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume and where thieves break
in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where
your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offering

Offertory

*None but Jesus
Mike Lenz*

B. Fraser

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

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn 249

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Proclaiming ***God speaks to us through His Word***

Children's Sermon

Don't Worry

Celia Weber

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light within you is darkness, how deep is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Sermon

"The Problem of Two Masters"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding ***We respond to God's Word***

Hymn 26

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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!**

Prayer of Consecration

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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 buried;
the third day he rose 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure that He should give
His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away as wounds
Which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Bonnie Mecaughey & Dennis Leshner*

 **Postlude**

Make a Joyful Noise

Ritter