



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (done responsively)

L: God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you.
We open our lives to you, from whom nothing is hid.

M: **You are before us: you are behind.**

L: You are in the light and in the darkness.

M: **You see our most public face.**

L: You know the secret thought of every heart.

M: **We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;**

L: We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow;

M: **We bring the pride that is in us, and the shame;**

L: We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance.

M: **We bring the hope that is in us, and the fear;**

L: God give us grace to walk in the way of Christ.

M: **Guide us by your Spirit, strengthen us against all evil.
Have mercy upon us, O God. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Hear the Good News! God is not only the lawgiver, but Redeemer,
and will cleanse us from the secret sins that have escaped our own
attention. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

M: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen!**

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Law of the Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the

alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.^[c]

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Anthem

“Take Up Your Cross”

(Larson)

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross may hope to win the glorious crown.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “and humbly follow me.”

Scripture Lesson

From the Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Often we have come to the well of God's love, and there has been living water to quench our thirst. Sometimes we have needed others to draw the water for us. Sometimes it is we who offer it to them. The world is full of thirsty people. Through our offerings, we provide wells and water carriers and assurance of God's love in the place where we are and far beyond our own reach.

Offertory

"Gentle Shepherd"

(Deborah Dresie)

Gentle Shepherd, be my guide; I have wandered far from home.
I can find no place to hide, no shelter from the storm.
It has been too long a night for a lamb alone,
Gentle shepherd, be my guide; lead me safely home.

Gentle Shepherd, comfort me, for I am a soul unsure.
In Your arms I long to be evermore secure,
As You wait so patiently for my faith in You.
Gentle Shepherd, comfort me; I will trust in You.

O Lord, I come to You in faith and gratitude;
Humbly now in all I do, I will follow You.

Gentle Shepherd by my side, You will keep me safe and warm.
Now I need no place to hide; You will calm the storm.
I will never fear the night or feel alone,
Gentle Shepherd by my side, I am safely home.

Scripture Lesson

From the Gospels: John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their

tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon "The Divine Anger of Christ" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Celebrating God's Word in Sacrament

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.
ALL persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity and community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

**God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve.
We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in
whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve
as Christ served. Amen.**

Hymn

"Just As I Am"
(see next page)

(Woodworth)

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

"Solemn Recessional"

(Flor Peters)

Just As I Am

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,

but that thy blood was shed for me,
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

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Choral Director: Dobin Park

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