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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022



Hochhalter, Cara B.. *As a Hen Gathers*

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

God is our Father; even more God is our Mother.

~ Pope John Paul I

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hear, O HOLY ONE, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 27)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Wait for GOD WHOSE NAME IS HOLY!

As the beloved of God, let us join our hearts in worship this day.

HYMN

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

GTG #418

by Will L. Thompson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

***RESPONSE**

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

by Yusuf Khill

YA HAMALALLAH

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INSTRUMENTAL

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 32

Select verses

HYMN

WE PRAY FOR PEACE

FINLANDIA

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Music by Jean Sibelius

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:31-35

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

MOTHER HEN

Rev. Wigger

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

LORD, PREPARE ME
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701
SANCTUARY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

WHEN WE ARE LIVING
Spanish melody

GTG #822
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



As truly as God is our Father; so truly God is our Mother.
~ Julian of Norwich, 14th Century

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room after worship.