

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

~ Moses Hogan

Adam O'Dell

Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

By Gill Le Fevre

As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,
we come today to be reminded of God's love for us.
Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,
we welcome an awakening of God's Word in our lives.
In this season of reflection and repentance,
we affirm our identity and we claim our security as children of God.

Opening Hymn

This Is My Father's World

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Verse 1

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

Verse 3

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Faithful and loving God,

we see evidence of Your goodness everywhere we turn—
in the beauty of creation, in the ways that You provide for us,
and in the gift of human love.

Yet we confess that there are days when our stresses and fears
feel even more real to us than You are, O God.

As a result, we take matters into our own hands,
and we trust in our own feeble efforts
rather than in your goodness, power, and unfailing love.

Forgive us, and help us to live with confidence in Your faithfulness,
so that we might trust You today and all days.

All continue to pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

Carry Me

Chancel Singers

arr. Kyle Hill

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A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Readings

Matthew 6:5-15 (CEB)

⁵ “When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. ⁶ But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

⁷ “When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. ⁸ Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. ⁹ Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.

¹⁰ Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.

¹¹ Give us the bread we need for today.

¹² Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

¹³ And don’t lead us into temptation,

but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴ “If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you don’t forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

Mark 14:32-35 (CEB)

³² Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. ³⁴ He said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert.” ³⁵ Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

The Good & Beautiful God: God is Trustworthy Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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 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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

My Father’s Always There

Phil Gobrecht

Verse 1

Somewhere in the night I know He watches me

He's always been there waiting so patiently
He knows my heart, my thoughts and all of my dreams
As I stumble through life each day so wild and free

Chorus

And He smiles when I do the right thing
He's proud when I start singing
He cries when I have a broken heart
And He cheers when I come on strong
He leads when I start to go wrong
He's there, my Father's always there
Yes He's there, my Father's always there

Verse 2

His Spirit has filled my heart since I took my first breath
And I'll know His love even when I take my last
He's always been there even though I can't see Him
But love is eternal and I know that He loves me

Sending Forth

Announcements

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
Spring Forward – March 14th
Holy Week Schedule
Re-Entry – meeting Monday

Benediction

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
~ William Farley Smith

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