St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

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Elder Sue Mitchell, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign pew pad.)

Call to Worship

One: Come, you who are thirsty -

All: here is the water that sustains weary souls.

One: Come, you who are despairing
All: here is the Rock of our Salvation.

One: Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord.

All: Let us enter God's presence with praise!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, time and again you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed, and you look into the eyes of a stranger. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is – the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen. (Silent Reflection)

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

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Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "I Come to the Cross" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Mitchell

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-11 Elder Mitchell

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 Pastor Brogdon

Message "Is the Lord Among Us or Not?" Pastor Brogdon

*Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182

We Respond to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, 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 quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Doxology "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547

*Charge & Benediction Pastor Brogdon

Postlude "He Keeps Me Singing" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

To Our Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

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Welcome to



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Scripture Reading, Sue Mitchell: Romans 5:1-11

- 1. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 2. through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- 3. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- 4. and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- 5. and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- 6. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- 8. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- 9. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- 10. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
- 11. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Tripp Brogdon: Exodus 17:1-7

1. From the wilderness of sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

- 2. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"
- 3. But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"
- 4. So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- 5. The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 6. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 7. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"