

Prelude **“My Song Is Love Unknown”-J. Ireland, arr M. Burkhardt**

Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

We gather in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world. Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ on a path that is lined with God’s love. God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.

Glory to God Hymn #452 – Open the Eyes of My Heart

We are called to confess

Trusting in God’s promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent.

We confess our sins to God and one another

O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses and show us how to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

Time for silent, personal confession

We receive the assurance of pardon

Here the good news, God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Glori 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. Amen. Amen.

Message for the Young at Heart (Video)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GOOD NEWS

Prayer of the Day

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Romans 4:13–25

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Mark 8:31–38

Pastor Paul

Reflecting on Scripture – Sermon Title: Troubled Thoughts

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Glory to God Hymn #406 – We Are Standing on Holy Ground

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to stewardship

What will it profit us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life? With all humility let us make our offering to God, trusting not in worldly gain, but in God’s sustaining grace.

Please continue to send your tithes and offerings via mail or electronically to your church family as the Holy Spirit calls you and you are able.

We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Doxology

WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD’S NAME

Glory to God Hymn #853 – We are Marching in the Light of God

Benediction:

Disciples of Jesus, do not shun the way of the cross, but follow wherever our Lord may lead. May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, uphold you on the way.

Closing Response

“Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace.”

Postlude

“You Are the Way; to You Alone”-arr. A Lovelace