

Unity Moravian Church

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Watchword for the Week: God says, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations." Genesis 17:7

Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Rev. Joe Moore

Prelude

"It is Well With My Soul/Canon in D Major"
Donna Shore

arr. Kartsonakis

Call to Worship

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn

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*Sing praise to God who reigns above the God of all creation,
the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and ev'ry grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and Ggory!*

*The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!*

*Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud your praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part.
To God all praise and glory!*

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Liturgy for Discipleship

Deeje Culbertson

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one
who created all things,
who gave us dominion over all the earth,
who called us into a covenant relationship with you,
who has given us the privilege of being your ambassadors in our world,
who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,

We give you our heartfelt thanks.

Emmanuel

*Our heav'nly Father, source of love, to you our hearts we raise.
Your all sustaining power we prove, and gladly sing your praise.*

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness of
humanity, to take the form of a servant;
Because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross;
Because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is above every
name, that at your name every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God
the Father;

We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

Manoah

*Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be; our sacrifice receive.
By you preserved, from sin set free, to your ourselves we give.*

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel,
For preserving us in the true faith,
For leading the church on earth in its mission,
For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us.

We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

Land of Rest

*Come Holy Ghost, the Savior's love
shed in our hearts abroad;
so shall we ever live and move
and be with Christ in God.*

Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant
be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are
truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. By
this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

In Babilone

*Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea,
we but stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.*

Prayer of Intercession

Dana Myers

Prayer of Confession

We confess Lord, that as your disciples, we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

Music

“Farther Along”
Scott and Deeje Culbertson
Rick Madison, guitar

arr. Baxter

Sharing God's Word

Old Testament

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rev. Joe Moore

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Hymn

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*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within in a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and burdens of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye by faith can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*The shadow of your cross, Lord, by my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of your face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, your cross.*

Sermon

Responding to God

Worship by Giving

Offertory

“Keep on the Sunnyside”
Scott and Deeje Culbertson
Rick Madison, guitar

Blenkhorn

Ministry Opportunities

Dana Myers

Going Forth to Share God's Love

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

Receive us all.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

And you in us.

Christ, and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith.

Hymn

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*I am thine, O Lord- I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.*

Refrain:

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.*

*O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
where I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know 'til I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach 'til I rest in peace with thee.*

Benediction

Rev. Joe Moore

Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Donna Shore

arr. Hustad

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