

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin*  
*First Sunday of Lent*  
*February 21, 2021*

**PREPARATION:** *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Genesis 9:8-17 God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth. Psalm 25:1-10 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin. 1 Peter 3:18-22 The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism. Mark 1:9-15 After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**“Adagio” from “Sonata No. 3 in F”**  
Carol Harp, Violin

**Handel**

**INTROIT (Hymn #85)**

**“What a Wondrous Love Is This”**

**Wondrous Love**

VERSE:1      What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
                    What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
                    What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
                    To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
                    To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Leader:      Hear the words of the Psalmist: “To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you. Let none who trust in you be put to shame; let the evil be disappointed in all their schemes. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me to follow in your paths. You guide the humble in doing right, O God, and all your ways are love and faithfulness.”

**\*HYMN #78**

**“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

**Martyrdom**

VERSE:1      Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
                    Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!  
VERSE:2      Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?  
                    Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!  
VERSE:4      But drops of grief can ne'er pay the debt of love I owe;  
                    Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, you are our help and our salvation, for you we should wait all day long. You call us to a time of examination and preparation, but we resist, full of our own agendas. You alone know how impatient we are – with others, with ourselves, with you. Have mercy on us, O God. Slow our pace. Lift our eyes to see the angels who wait to help us. We pray Christ’s name. (Pause for silent confession).

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #573)**

“Lord Have Mercy”

Kyrie

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.  
CHOIR: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.  
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ANTHEM**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
John Brockman, Kristin Juergens - Vocalists  
Carol Harp, Violin

Harlan

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:9-15

LEADER: This is the Gospel of the Lord!  
PEOPLE: Praise to You, O Christ!

**SERMON**

“Tempted”

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

**THE RESPONSE**

**\*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 OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

*O God, you have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.*

**OFFERTORY**

**“Voluntary on NEUMARK”**

**Young**

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN #554**

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

**Ash Grove**

VERSE:1

Let all things now living a song thanksgiving  
To our God Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

VERSE:2

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Prelude in e”**

**J.S. Bach**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 28th, 2021 will be the First Sunday in Lent.** *The lectionary scriptures will be: **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16** God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation. **Psalm 22:23-31** In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer. **Romans 4:13-25** Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God. **Mark 8:31-38** Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.*

**LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

Stephen Allen

Eric Houghton

John Brockman & Kristin Juergens

Jeff Cockrell, Ken Huff & Merry Lynn Morris

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist & Children's Sermon

Vocalists

Sound & Video

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