

First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown
Second Sunday in Lent Online Bulletin - March 5, 2023 - 10:30 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDIATION

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“Heavenly Sojourn” (Lowden)

Bob Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been
and blesses us on the way.**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,
Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,
and we are saved through him.**

HYMN PH 293

“This Is My Father’s World”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. *Silent prayer*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE “Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!”

PH 145, Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -- Genesis 12:1-4

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 32: 1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

SECOND READING – John 3:1-17
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERMON *“Born from above, born of the spirit”* Rev. Christopher Small

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN PH 85 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* [pg. 5](#)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

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THE OFFERING

As we continue to provide support to our community during this time, we hope you will consider giving through [this link](#) or by mailing your regular tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY *"Poetic Tranquility" (Lowden)* Bob Lowden
(Dedicated to Rev. Terry Fouse)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE and GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Saves" (Kirkpatrick)

Bob Lowden

SHARING PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome back to our guest preacher Rev. Christopher Small. Also serving this Lord's day: Interim Director of Music Ministry Caryl Tipton; Collaborative Pianist Robert Lowden; Liturgist Johanna Heine.

Please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes and your 2022 Giving Statements on the back counter/table in the sanctuary. If you wish to switch from weekly envelopes to monthly, contact George Carmichael at gccarmichael@nescape.net or leave a note in his mailbox.

Join us for Fellowship Time following worship. Consider teaming up with one or two other members, many hands make light work! Offerings can be store bought or homemade, your choice. Thank you in advance for signing up. Contact Candy Walling to volunteer at (609) 298-2581 or email oespggo@hotmail.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing – We are collecting for OGHS during Lent. Special offering envelopes are in pew racks. Fish banks for children to use are on back counter. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Camp Johnsonburg Spring Women's Retreat – April 21-23 – Come join a great group of adult women, of a variety of ages and walks of life, for an engaging retreat at our idyllic retreat center. Registration is open. Contact Margaret Conover, 908-265-1147, with questions.

We are truly grateful that pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Terry Fouse. If you are in need, please contact him at 609-585-3248 (h) or 609-540-4035 (c).

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs - *Cereal, juice, paper towels, toilet paper, sugar, baked beans*. You may place donations in right basket at rear of sanctuary OR drop them off when the pantry is open. Thanks for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit: <http://mmotcp.org/food-pantry>.

Please Remember in Your Prayers – From the "[Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study](#)": *Celebrate the Gifts of Women; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Syria and Turkey earthquake; Magnolia Presbyterian Church in Riverside, California; International Women's Day; Princeton Seminary's Center for Asian American Christianity; Presbyterian Study Grant; Rev. Jenny Warner, a poet and the pastor of Valley Presbyterian Church in CA.*

Today's worship service recording will be available following worship on our website at <http://www.bordentownpresbyterian.org/worship.html>

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This Is My Father's World
***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.***

***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.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.***

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What Wondrous Love Is This
***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!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.***

***dreadful curse**

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Closing Hymn

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
***O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!***

***Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.***

***Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.***

***My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.***

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