

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES via Facebook Live.

March 7 11:00 AM

Tune in to our local CAT7 today at 5 PM and Wednesday, March 3 5PM and Sunday, March 3 5PM for our virtual music program. The recordings can also be viewed on our Facebook page. The programs will also be Facebook live every Friday afternoon.

Tune in to our virtual Lenten Series, Lent in Plain Sight each Wednesday at 7PM.

Easter Plants may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office by March 11 to place your order.

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

As Worship has been suspended, we offer this virtual worship service via Facebook Live.

WELCOME AND SHARING

Brenda Carlson

Moment for HEALTH

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 22*)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; God's face is not hidden from us when we cry to God. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused. Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.

HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world—and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace—your shalom—a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy and healing grace are for sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice and peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, send your Spirit to us to open our hearts that we might discern your Word amid the words of Scripture we read today, so that in hearing your Word we may be formed in the way of Christ for one another and our world. Amen.

HYMN FOR REFLECTION *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #216

SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Genesis 17 1-7, 15-16

Psalm

Psalm: 22:23-31

Second Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

HOMILY

The Reverend CJ Boettcher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with the outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* #212

BENEDICTION

As we journey in Lent, let us empowered to follow in the way of Jesus, who, though tempted, was steadfast in love and faithful in the way of justice. So, let us lift up the broken hearted and stand with the oppressed. Let us love God with our whole lives and love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.