



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

28 February 2021 – 10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Minor, BWV 549* J. S. Bach
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Lynn Walton, liturgist

One: We gather in the presence of God our Creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

All: We gather in the living presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

One: We gather in the presence of the Spirit who is with us in our trials and our joys.

All: In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. Let us sing God's praise.

HYMN 386 (stanzas 1, 3 & 4) *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
led by Jeannette Moretti

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
With sacrifice Christ claimed us for all eternity.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally**

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.
Amen.**

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-36

Lynn Walton

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

ANTHEM

Stand Up
Jorge Torrez, soloist

Joshuah Campbell

SERMON

More than Right

Pastor Dave

HYMN 222 (stanzas 1 & 5)

My Song Is Love Unknown

RHOSYMEDRE

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?**

**I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
Never was pain nor grief, never weas love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Nick Piediscalzi

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

The Lord is My Strength, My Song

Gilbert Martin

COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways
as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve
to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's
amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world,
striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures,
reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace
into all life and every life. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dave

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

J. S. Bach