

### Pine Street Church

Embrace Everyone. Inspire Life. Create More.



### 4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday Morning Worship: Chapel Edition, week 7 Again & Again A Lenten Refrain March 14th, 2021

"For God so loved the world, for God so loved soldiers and prostitutes and traitors and unwed mothers and soccer moms and CEOs and ex-cons and Burger King janitors that God gave of God's self in the form of Jesus."

-Nadia Bolz Weber (b. 1969), author, Lutheran minister, public theologian ctivist



In the season of Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

In this season, we need rituals—both old and new—to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory.

Repetition helps retrain our neural pathways. We encourage you to walk through these weekly readings and prompts at your own pace throughout the season, following the rhythm that works best for you. May the art, reflections, and poetry strengthen and stretch you, shaping you into a more faithful disciple.

This Lent, may God's steadfast love cradle our laments. May God's grace wash over our weariness. And may we bring all of who we are to God—trusting that God will meet us, time and again, along the way.

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Pine Street Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the Church regardless of gender-identity, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

## **Prelude & Gathering Song** – As I Went Down to the River – Pine Street Band

traditional

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good ol' way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way

O sisters, let's go down Let's go down, come on down O sisters, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good ol' way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way

O brothers, let's go down Let's go down, come on down Come on, brothers, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good ol' way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way

O children, let's go down Let's go down, come on down O children, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good ol' way

#### Welcome & Announcements – Rev. J. Andrew Daugherty & Cindy Owens

### Call to Worship – David L'Hommedieu

#### Taizé – God is Forgiveness

A Sung Prayer from the Taizé Community in France

God is forgiveness, Dare to forgive and God will be with you God is forgiveness, Love and do not fear.

#### Prayer of Invocation & Illumination – David L'Hommedieu

# **Contemporary Reading** – David L'Hommedieu Hold, By Rev. Sarah Are

## **The Gospel Lesson** – David L'Hommedieu John 3: 1-17

#### Song for Reflection – There's A Wideness in God's Mercy By, Frederick William Faber, Music By, Ryan T. Connell

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good. There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own, and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word, and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

### Pastoral Meditation – Rev J. Andrew Daugherty

#### Musical Meditation and Offertory – Infra III - By Max Richter Ryan T. Connell, Piano

#### **Lenten Prayers** – David L'Hommedieu

#### **Benediction** – Rev. Andrew Daugherty

## **Postlude & Sending Song** – What Wondrous Love Is This – Pine Street Band

Traditional

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 dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown 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.

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#### **Embrace Everyone**

We are a spiritual community of unconditionality: We accept everyone and we mean it. We believe in "acceptance without exception.

#### **Inspire Life**

We believe in our human potential to be astonished about the beauty in our lives, and to experience abundance. The spark of the divine is in everybody, and we believe in setting it free.

#### **Create More**

Each of us was born to be a creator - of beauty, kindness, equality, gentleness, joy. As imitators of our original Creator, we have the opportunity to create more.

### **Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Andrew Daugherty, senior pastor
David L'Hommedieu, director of worship & arts, guitar, vocals
David L'Hommedieu worship leader
Ryan Connell, music director, piano
Kristin Gornstein, vocals
Phil Norman, cello, bass
Justin Hoffenberg, violin
Emily L'Hommedieu, vocals