SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



MARCH 13, 2022
11:00 AM

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the city that kills the prophets
and stones those
who are sent to it!
How often have I desired to gather
your children together
as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings,
and you were not willing!

- Luke 13:34-35

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE *Siciliano* J.S. Bach
(Isaac Mingus, cello and Steven Phillips, organ)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Bob Scholten

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:
God of Love, just as Jesus loves us and gave himself for us, help us give ourselves to you. We long to live according in the light of your glory. Keep our feet firmly on the way where Christ leads us. In his holy name we pray. **Amen**

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Jesus reminded us that we live into our friendship with him by following this commandment.
Let us worship the Lord of love.

* **HYMN 760** *Bring Many Names* Westchase

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
Celebrate, in parable and story, holiness in glory,
Living, loving God. Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
Planning all the wonders of creation,
Setting each equation genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
Feeling all the strains of human living,
Caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
Calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
Glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
Saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
Crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
Joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
Closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

**Those who are able will please stand.*
Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven,
but sometimes we set our minds entirely on things of earth.
We let our desire for security
restrain our commitment to serve those in need.
We let our fear of danger
curb our obligation to love our enemies.
We let our love of possessions
dull the generosity you require.

Holy One, forgive us.
You know the desires of our heart,
and nothing is hidden from you.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, renew and restore us.
Conform our sin-soaked world
to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whom we pray.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF PEACE (v. 1)** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

* **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Steven Phillips

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35

SERMON *A Hen, a Fox, a Pig and a Cow* Susan DeWyngaert

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Book of Order F-1.0301
Bob Scholten

We believe the Church is the body of Christ.
Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.
The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.

We believe the Church is to be a community of faith,
entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

We believe the Church is to be a community of hope,
rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that,
in Christ, God is making a new creation.
This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.
The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

We believe the Church is to be a community of love,
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

We believe the Church is to be a community of witness,
pointing beyond itself through word and work
to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

To God be the glory!

ANTHEM *Will You Come and Follow Me* Text by John Bell and Graham Maule /arr. Trenney
(Chancel Choir with Isaac Mingus)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Sung Response:

Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God,
For Jesus will never say no.

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.

***HYMN 749** *Come! Live in the Light* We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:
We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more. **(Refrain)**

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. **(Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION** Susan DeWyngaert

POSTLUDE *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple* Steven Phillips

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on the altar of Dominus Flevit Church in Jerusalem.