

The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook

March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Lent



WELCOME

PRELUDE Lobe den Herren Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

INTROIT "The Lord Is My Light" Lillian Bouknight**

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Whom shall I fear?

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*HYMN #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – unison

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large,
the distance between us feels like absence
and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed.
Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking.
Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us
rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship
with you.

Amen.

*KYRIE

John Merbecke (1550)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not forsake us in times of trial.
Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.
Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

*Children may make their way to the front
of the sanctuary for Children's Time.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” James Melby

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER – Psalm 27

Refrain *[The choir will sing through first; the congregation will join on the repeat and on each subsequent refrain.]*

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust; in God I trust.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—

**my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

Refrain

One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:

**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ***Refrain***
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies. ***Refrain***
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord! ***Refrain***

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35

Response after reading:

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Today, Tomorrow & the Next Day

Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem LaVerne Miner**

I was glad when they said unto me
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates
O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city
 that is compact together.
Whither the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord
 unto the testimony of Israel,
 to give thanks unto the name of the Lord,
For there are set thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
 and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes,
 I will now say, Peace be within thee.
 Because of the house of the Lord our God
 I will seek thy good.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise
 God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN #343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

GERMANY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Marty Haugen

A men, A men, A men.

POSTLUDE

Ach wie flüchtig, ach wie nichtig

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

**Our celebration of Women's History Month comes very close to home, as we sing a composition of one of our own members, LaVerne Miner, during the offertory. At 16, LaVerne wrote music to Psalm 122 to help children attending Vacation Bible School at Grace Baptist Church, Germantown, PA memorize the Scripture assigned for the two weeks. In 1980, she arranged it for the senior choir of First Baptist Church, Belmont, MA. Writing music has been a hobby since she was seven years old. As for today's introit, information about the composer is sadly scarce. According to hymnary.org, "Very little is known about Lillian Bouknight (d. 1990), except that she was an African American from North Carolina, and a soloist and composer in the Pentecostal Holiness movement in the Aliquippam, PA Community, also serving as a prayer warrior and on the Mother's Board."

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Sal Lalama

Anthem: BBPC Choir

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

April 13 – Palm Sunday @ 10am

April 18 – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae
Service @ 7pm

April 19 – Good Friday Service
@ Noon to 2pm

April 20 – Easter Sunday Worship

Sunrise Service – Martinsville Campus @ 6am
Traditional Worship – BBPC @ 9 and 11am



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