

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

March 8, 2020

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 121)

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

PEOPLE: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

LEADER: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

PEOPLE: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

LEADER: The Lord himself watches over you;

PEOPLE: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

ALL: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

HYMN 647 (*standing*)

Give Thanks

CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE:

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on us;

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From Lord Have Mercy by Steve Merkel. CCLI Song No. 2989578 © 2000 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

LEADER: We are sinners

ALL: It is our struggle

LEADER: God gives us what we need to make good and right choices

ALL: But God is not always the choice we make.

LEADER: Our sin hurts us and others. It separates us from each other.

PEOPLE: But God never leaves us.

LEADER: Then in God's grace and strength, let us leave our sin.

(Please use this short time of silence to offer confessions to God)

LEADER: In your mercy our Lord, grace overcomes guilt

ALL: In your mercy O God, is our hope! In your grace, may we go and sin no more!

AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Surely it is God who saves us. Our God is our refuge and our savior.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 8:2-11

Mike Deddish

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(As the choir sings, let us consider our Lenten journey with Christ).

CHORAL RESPONSE: *Choir: Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?*

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Words: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger 1640

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Cathy Chihocky

SERMON

Same Things, Different Way

Min. Rusty Benton

HYMN 683 *(standing)*

Lord of All Hopefulness

Verse 1: Choir

Verses 2-4: All

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God so Loved the World

Lloyd Larson

DOXOLOGY *(standing)*

MEINEKE



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now and ev - er shall be, World with-out end. A - men, A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE DAY WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *(see insert)*

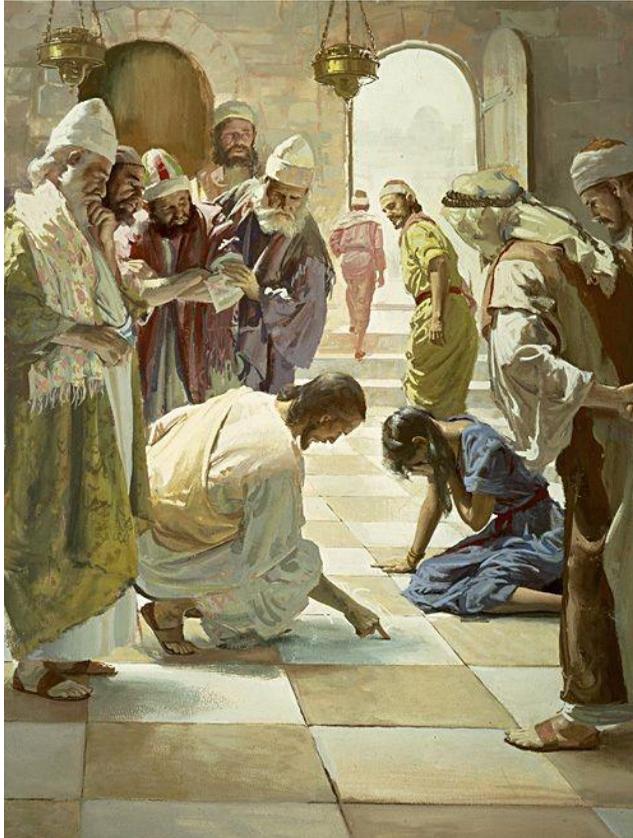
Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

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