

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 10 AM

*Character and Virtue:
A Journey Into Lent*

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Hope

ROMANS 5:1-5

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Sanctuary Choir
Dr. Michelle Louer
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*Organist and Assistant Director
of Music and Fine Arts*

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Ewer Bearer
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Benjamin and Barbara Steel

WE WELCOME YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO SECOND!

Following today's *The Word with Children*, families may continue to worship together, or those **4 years old - Grade 8** may depart with ministry staff and volunteers for children's choirs. If you have not checked in at a computer kiosk, please complete a **green nametag** for your child to wear to choir and bring the other half of the tag with you to pick up your child on the first floor (follow signs.)

Care for children *three-years-old and younger* is available all morning on the second floor. Please ask an usher or staff member for guidance.

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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Cortège et Litanie
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

My Lord, What a Morning
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Spiritual/arr. H.T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)

My Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Benjamin K. Davison

One: Joy comes to those who hope in God,

All: For the Lord is a keeper of promises.

One: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope.

All: The Lord will reign forever,

One: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Processional Hymn #371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Invitation to Confession

Kyrie eleison/Lord, Have Mercy

Dinah Reindorf

Musical notation for the first line of the Kyrie eleison hymn. The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and features a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Musical notation for the second line of the Kyrie eleison hymn. The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and features a treble clef. The melody continues from the first line, ending with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Prayer of Confession

They can be such giants in our lives, God of grace.
 Each day, our fears, our doubts, and our worries wash over us,
 until we come to believe that you do not care for us.
 There is so much wrong in the world,
 and hope eludes us.
 The storms of sin and fear batter us, and we cower,
 unable to find the faith to withstand them.
 Forgive us, God of hope.
 Remind us that if we open our hearts, you will heal us.
 If we listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy.
 If we open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers,
 even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*** Response of Praise**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

*** Hymn #84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Deb Slack

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 33:13-22

(p. 497)

Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual/arr. William L. Dawson

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

(1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
 Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
 But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
 If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

Text: inspired by Jeremiah 8:22

Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

(p. 1027)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“Hope”

“Endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.”

(ROMANS 5:4-5)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* **Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1985)

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

We believe our hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.

**But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
Handbell Ensemble; Rebecca Holt, director

Peggy Bettcher
(b. 1961)

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
 Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,
 whose trust ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:
 be there at our wak - ing and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray,
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 10 AM

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction**

Amen

DANISH

Postlude

Carillon (from 24 Pieces in Free Style)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

GIVING

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones:

John Gibbs

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit **SecondChurch.org/Prayer** to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

Ashley McNamara, *Coordinator of Pastoral Care*
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NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Character and Virtue:
Courage

8:15 a.m. ▪ Worship in Milner Chapel

9 a.m. ▪ Sunday School for all ages

10 a.m. ▪ Sanctuary Worship

11:15 a.m. ▪ Service of Wholeness and Communion

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