
Traditional Worship Guide

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

ANTHEM (10:30) “How Beautiful” Chancel Choir

WELCOME & BETHANY’S MISSION

P: As a community, gathered by God’s great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:
C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

KYRIE FRONT OF BOOK, pg. 138

After each of 4 petitions, sing:
Lord, have mercy.

Closing petition:
Help, save comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. C: **A – men.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

HYMN: “Blessed Assurance” (vs 1 & 3)# **638**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(pastor)*

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Genesis 12: 1-4a* Bible, pg. 17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(stand)*



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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HOLY GOSPEL *John 3: 1-17* Bible, pg. 1649

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.

HYMN: "Rock of Ages" # 623

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer!**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

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BETHANY WELCA BOLD WOMAN PRESENTATION (10:30)

HYMN: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" (vs 1 & 2)..... # 469
(Tune 807)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come down the center aisle and return by the side aisle.

- Hymn: "Lamb of God" # 195
Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" # 423
Hymn: "O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us" # 431
Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" # 796

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" # 660

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

Lamb of God

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

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Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

- 1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height,
to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a different, lowly way,
another's will your aim.
- 2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came,
the law of love to bring:
a different rule of righteousness,
a different kind of king.
- 3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.
O Christ, in workplace, church, and home,
let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve,
a different kind of king.
- 4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a different kind of king!

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How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 4 “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

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