

February 28, 2021 The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Dale Wood
Amy Smith, organ

Welcome Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Call to Worship Donna Rorer, Elder

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever! This is the day that the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for Thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Lloyd Larson

Kaymen Carter, soloist ~ Amy Smith, piano

New Testament Reading Mark 8:31-38

Sermon "Living Upside Down in a Wrongside Up World" Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Special Music "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. Lloyd Larson

Kaymen Carter and Denise Wunderlich, vocalists ~ Amy Smith, piano

The Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature, Fair is the sunshine; Fairer still the moonlight

O Thou of God and man the Son. And all the twinkling starry host,

Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor,

Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Fair are the meadows; Fairer still the woodlands, Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Robed in the blooming garb of spring. Son of God and Son of Man!

Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Benediction

Postlude "In Thee Is Gladness" J.S. Bach

Amy Smith, organ

Communion - Next Sunday, March 7 we will observe the Sacrament of Communion during our morning worship service. For those who will be attending in person, our Executive Committee of Session has approved a socially distanced way to effectively serve the elements.

Pastor's Lenten Bible Study: *The Seven Last Words* – Our Lenten Bible Study continues this Wednesday, March 3rd at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Livestream Spring Concert Series - GVPC's Livestream Spring Concert Series will kick off on Thursday, March 11 at 4:00 pm with *Finding Faith* featuring Andrew Tierney and Tim Dunfield and special guests Carlos Guerrero and Michael Tierney. A free will offering will be accepted to support the musicians.

Men's Group - The Men's Study Group will resume meeting on Saturday March 6th. The gathering will begin in the Fellowship Hall around 7:30 am for a time of fellowship. The study and discussion will start at 8:00 am. We will resume the Great Courses series, "<u>Great World Religions: Christianity"</u> taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson from Emory University. Join us for a time of fellowship, discussion and study.