

# Worship – Second Sunday of Lent

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First Presbyterian Church, McAllen

***Tell Me Something GOOD:***

***The Good News is ... great love for God and neighbor.***



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## Opening Sentences

- This Lent, we are grounding ourselves in the good news that God's love invites us, Christ's grace holds us, and the Spirit's power leads us.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

## Prelude

Call to Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Tell me something good!

**God loves you more than you can imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God loves *all* of creation more than you can imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God's love meets us in this service of worship.**

**We are not alone.**

This is good news indeed!

**Let us worship our compassionate God.**



Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, v. 1 and 4 GG #415

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.*

*In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

*Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

a prayer of Dionysius of Alexandria (2<sup>nd</sup> Century)

God, good beyond all that is good,

fair beyond all that is fair,

in you is calmness, peace, and concord.

Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another,

and bring us back to a unity of love

bearing some likeness to your divine nature.

Through the embrace of love

and the bonds of godly affection,

make us one in the Spirit

by your peace which makes all things peaceful.

We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness  
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Call to Confession

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us,  
but that work is easier said than done.  
We lose our way. We become distracted.  
We grow fearful. We need God's grace.  
Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.  
So join me in the Prayer of Confession.  
Join me in being transformed by grace.

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?  
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?  
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?**

**Or did we cross the street?  
Did we avert our eyes?  
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors  
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.  
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear  
get in the way of love.**

**Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.**

**With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

Faith family, even when we act with judgment,  
even when we are guided by fear,  
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,  
God does not turn away from us,  
but reaches out with merciful love.

So join me in this good-news declaration:

**We are seen. We are forgiven.**

**We are invited to try again.**

**Thanks be to God for this unending love.**



Act of Praise      Change My Heart, O God / *Cámbiame, Señor*      GG #695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

*Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder.  
Hazme como tú, tu yo quiero ser.  
Tú el alfarero, yo el barro soy.  
Sólo a tu imagen, quiero siempre ser.  
Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder.  
Hazme como tú, tu yo quiero ser.*



Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Life of the Church

Time with the Younger Church

Prayer for Illumination

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates.  
Speak louder than our mental distractions.  
Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.  
God, speak loudly to us today,  
because we long to hear your good news once more.  
With hope, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Gospel Readings

**Luke 7:36-50: Woman washes Jesus' feet**

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a

sinner.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.”<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.”<sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?”<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> said to him, “You have judged rightly.”<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.”<sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.”<sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.”<sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.”<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”<sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”<sup>50</sup> But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

### Matthew 25:35-40: **“Whatever you did for the least of these ...”**

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

T. Denise Anderson  
*See You*



Hymn      Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

GG #757

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discourse spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

Invitation to the Offering

All that we have is a gift from God.

In faith and gratitude,

we return now a portion

of what we have so abundantly received.

This morning in addition to our regular tithes and offerings,

we are receiving gifts to the Power of Hope fund,

which assists members of our faith community.

Offertory

Act of Dedication    I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, v. 1

GG #700

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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### Offertory Prayer

Compassionate God,  
we dedicate to you not only these gifts,  
but also ourselves, in deep gratitude  
that you have blessed us so greatly.  
Accept the offerings we bring;  
use them for your own good purposes,  
and use us to be a blessing to others.  
In Christ we pray. Amen.

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
in this dry and weary land.  
You set a table for us in the wilderness  
and provide for all our needs.  
Even when we complain against you,  
you feed us with bread from heaven.  
When we quarrel and question your grace,  
you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent?  
Even dry bones in the valley of death  
stand to sing your praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus,  
our way in the wilderness,  
our companion in the desert.  
He knows our hunger and thirst;  
he gives us the bread of life to eat  
and living water to drink.  
He leads us beside still water  
and prepares this table for us,  
even in the presence of our enemies.  
The cup of blessing overflows!

Now pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon this bread, this cup, these people.  
By the power of your Spirit  
breathe life into our dust  
and hope into our bones.  
Make us one flesh and one blood,  
one in the body of Christ.  
Let us live to sing your praise  
and show your love to all  
until our wilderness wandering is over,  
and we feast with you forever  
in the land that you have promised.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

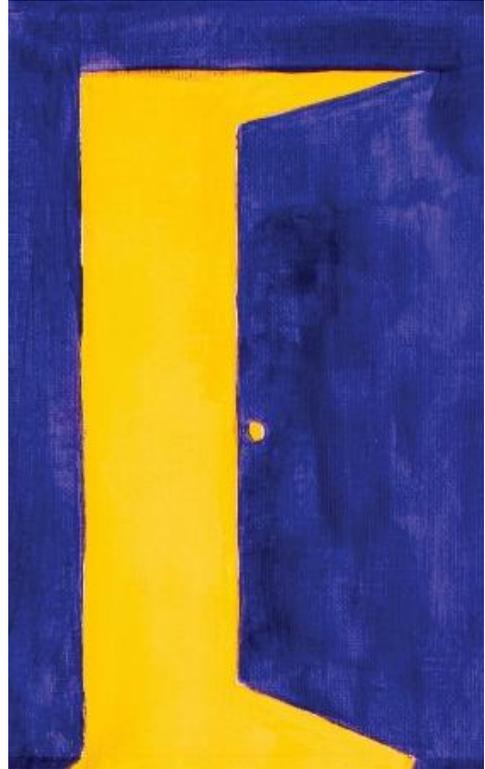
Let us pray together as Christ has taught us, saying:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

### Sharing Bread and Cup

#### The Sacrament is Carried Beyond the Sanctuary

We send you out with this bread and cup  
to share the feast of the risen Lord.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.**



### Prayer after Communion

Lord God, we give thanks for your mercy –  
welcoming us home from wandering,  
clothing us with your loving-kindness,  
and feeding us from your abundant table.  
Prepare a place for us in your holy realm,  
where the lost are found,  
heaven and earth embrace,  
and the dead are raised to new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn      Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, v. 1-2      GG #526

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone;  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!

### Charge and Benediction

### Congregational Meeting

Congregational Response      Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, v. 3

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
give us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!

### Postlude

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