

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 28, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Joyce Harris

By Robert E. Kreutz

WELCOME

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; *Ps. 34:1, 3*

PEOPLE: **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

LEADER: O magnify the Lord with me,

PEOPLE: **And let us exalt God’s name together.**

OPENING HYMN #460

“God Will Take Care of You”

*Be not dismayed what e'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.*

Refrain

*God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you,
God will take care of you*

*No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon God's breast,
God will take care of you;*

Refrain

*God will take care of you,
through every day,
o'er all the way;
God will take care of you,
God will take care of you*

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven.

**Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey
in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ,
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen**

HYMN #21 TOSB

“Search Me, O God”

Verse 1 only

*Search Me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts I pray:
See if there be, some wicked way in me:
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN #581CH

“Near to the Heart of God”

*There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before you
near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain
(see previous page)

SCRIPTURE

I Kings 19: 4- 9a

Liturgist/Song Leader: Linda Skaggs

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up, and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

SERMON

"Preparation for the Journey"

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

HYMN #506

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to our God in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;*

Take it to our God in prayer!

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn

“Wait for the Lord”

By Jacques Bernthier, Taize Community

Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts, O God.

**May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you,
in union with Christ’s offering for us. Amen.**

HYMN #488

“Be Still, My Soul”

*Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul: your best, your best
eternal friend through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide in future, as in the past.*

*Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.*

*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Jesus power ruled them long ago.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

By Sydney Hugo Nicholson

Joyce Harris

Special Thanks to All the Participants in Today’s Service

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