

Bath Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

In Church, In Parking Lot (Radio 105.3 FM) or on Facebook

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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- In the life of our Church
- Minute for Mission
- Sharing of Joys & Concern
- **Covenant Church for Prayers: Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Pastors Brian Maguire and Kelley Shin**

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Lenten reflection

One: A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die" (*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*). We are the people who have responded to this call.

All: Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving. Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

One: Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.

All: This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ. God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ. Alleluia.

*Call to Worship in Music: #821 Refrain Only "How Can I Keep from Singing"

*No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

***Call to Confession:** The gospel assures us that those who love God will be protected, and those who call out in times of trouble will be answered. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison) The thirsty come, and we offer lead-filled water; the hungry come, and we offer a single can from our overflowing pantries; the lonely come, and we cling to our cliques; the broken come, and we hand them an aspirin; the needy come, but we have wasted everything on stuff we do not need. Have mercy on us, Steadfast love, and

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

"What will you leave behind when your ink runs out?"

pour your heart into our grace-parched souls. As you have been with us in every moment, may we go to be with all around us. May we listen to the needs and hearts of others, even as you lean down to listen to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon:** In every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness. We will bless God in every moment, rejoicing with the One who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

Opening Hymn - #361 "O Christ the great foundation"

The Passing of the Peace - Stay seated and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family - smile, wave, flash the peace sign, etc.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all

other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks Be To God**

Sermon: “A world without fair” Pastor Emily Haddox

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)**

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response: “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.”

Offering

***Doxology** - “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

***Offertory Prayer**

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Closing Hymn - #442 “Just As I Am”

***Benediction-**

One: Go into the world in faith

All: We trust in God to lead us and people to receive us

One: Go into the world with hope

All: With God’s presence before us and human dreams to carry us

One: Go into the world with love

All: Serving with those for whom Christ lives and laboring for those for whom Christ died.

***Postlude: #542 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

“God be with you till we meet a-gain; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet a-gain. Amen.”

Announcements & More

Every Sunday:

✦ Breakfast – 9 am

✦ Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30: In person and via Zoom

Ongoing:

➤ Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items; bar, hand & body soap.

Mission:

❖ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - Mar 13-Apr 17

Today:

❖ Session Meeting – after Worship

❖ Called Congregational Meeting – after Worship

On the Horizon:

❖ Women’s Gathering Bazaar for Heifer - Mar 27-Apr 3

