

Sunday, February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent



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PRELUDE

Improvisation on Sutton Common

Michael Barker

Sutton Common is a new hymn tune by Norman L. Warren associated with a text by Michael Perry: "Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain; restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again."

WELCOME Mary Katherine Robinson

MINUTE FOR MISSION Bounty & Soul

Tommy Wilkinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross, we remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.

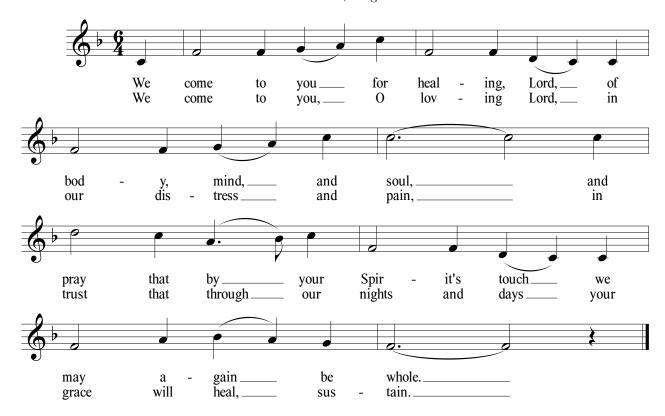
In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life, to embrace trust in God and love for humanity.

In hope and faith, let us pray to God:

OPENING PRAYER

God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham; we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the pain of the world, we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by grief in our lives, we need only see the light of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Donna Drake, song leader



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ,

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news!

in whose name we pray. Amen.

In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!





FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Brittany Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

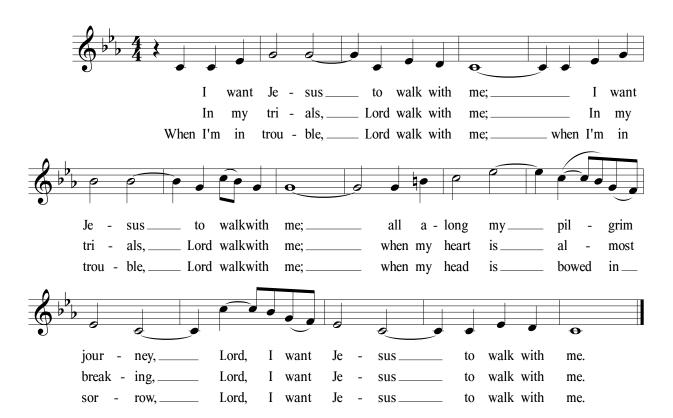
SERMON

Be Still and Know Healing

HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME







CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Lord, Don't Move This Mountain

Mahalia Jackson

David Joseph, tenor

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Be Still and Know

John L. Bell

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Adlai Boyd's nephew is in critical condition following a fall and brain surgery. Prayers for the extended family of Steven Touchton and Adlai's sister, Anne.

Jim Davies back at Mountain Ridge Wellness

Rachel Hekking's cousin Angela Cartwright died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. Prayers for the extended family, especially Angela's two young children.

Lynn Jostes' brother-in-law, Ronnie Bryant, died early Wednesday morning of "Covid fallout" – residual effects of the virus complicated by the Texas ice storm which took out power and water, and in this case, delayed dialysis. **Prayers for Ronnie's extended family**.

Family and friends of Rev. Dr. Bill Klein who died on February 26 in Roanoke, VA

Eleanor Landers at the VA hospital

Jeannie Maidment is home recovering from knee replacement surgery

Elizabeth Mailander recovering from ACL surgery

Nancy McGill's nephew Kevin lost his wife Brin (age 26) due to complications immediately following the birth of their first child. Prayers for Nancy and Brin's family.

The Mullert Family (Montessori school) – new baby, Kent, born with heart defect and awaiting a transplant

Congratulations to Deb & Wayne Mullis on the birth of their grandson, Guierrmo

Congratulations to Jamie Munn, teacher of the year at Owen Middle School

Connie Schimpf's brother-in-law in Oklahoma is in critical condition following a fall and brain surgery.

Prayers for the extended family of Willis Wohlgemuth.

Trudy Winstead recovering from a stroke

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: Frank Dimmock Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Paul Willison

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Faithful God, we thank you that you chose us without regard for our deserving.

You called us to abide in you, and we want you to abide with us.

You promised that we would produce fruit that would last, and these words comfort us,
but they also worry us, because they teach that our lives should produce the fruit that your love produces.

Help us to honestly take account of what we have done – how we have loved others,
how we have grown as disciples. Help us, Holy God, to feel our need to be shaped,
transformed, and reconnected so that our lives may bring a harvest of your righteousness. Amen.

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Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

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Mike Ballard, clerk

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