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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

February 28, 2021

Prelude "Herzlich tut mich verlangen" *Johannes Brahms*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

We gather together, seeking life in all its fullness.

We gather in God's name, longing for what is real and true.

We gather, drawn by the words of our Creator and Redeemer.

We gather to worship our Lord, who is worthy of all glory and praise.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" *See Insert*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

O God, we confess the way is sometimes hard for us. There are times we get tired and would eagerly settle for an easier road. Some days we find the task of loving others hard. Sometimes we choose anger over forgiveness, or ignore the needs of our neighbors.

Forgive us when our commitment to you wavers. Forgive us when we take that easier path. Stir the embers of our devotion and kindle a brighter flame. Strengthen our determination to follow where you lead and renew our energy to serve in Jesus' name.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Adapted from Ephesians 1:7*)

Friends, trust the good news of the gospel. We are justified by God's grace which has come to us through Jesus Christ. By grace, we are forgiven and set free to find new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Steal Away" African American spiritual, *arr. Malcolm Archer*
 ~ *Women's Chorus*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Genesis 17:1-16 (*Common English Bible*)

1 When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Walk with me and be trustworthy. **2** I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants." **3** Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, **4** "But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. **5** And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be Abram but Abraham. **6** I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. **7** I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants' God after you. **8** I will give you and your descendants the land in which you are immigrants, the whole land of Canaan, as an enduring possession. And I will be their God." **9** God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants in every generation. **10** This is my covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Circumcise every male. **11** You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it will be a symbol of the covenant between us. **12** On the eighth day after birth, every male in every generation must be circumcised, including those who are not your own children: those born in your household and those purchased with silver from foreigners. **13** Be sure you circumcise those born in your household and those purchased with your silver. Your flesh will embody my covenant as an enduring covenant. **14** Any uncircumcised male whose flesh of his foreskin remains uncircumcised will be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant." **15** God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, you will no longer call her Sarai. Her name will now be Sarah. **16** I will bless her and even give you a son from her. I will bless her so that she will become nations, and kings of peoples will come from her."

The Confession of 1967 9.17

God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Sermon "*The Love of God*" ~ *Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

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Sunday, March 7th ~ Session Meeting at 5 pm

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Daily Readings for February 28 – March 6 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

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Prayer List Additions as of 2/28/2021

*The Family of Ellen Bender Melton (Jane Sobotor's mother),
Cheryl Coeyman (fractured pelvis from fall), Bob and Gera Howe,
Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tornadoes south of Wilmington.*

Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic.

Please pray for the schools - Remember the administration, teachers, students and parents during this difficult time.


Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.