

Tree Planted by Streams of Water, Amatzia Baruchi

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sixth Sunday
after Epiphany
Sunday, February 13, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jer. 17:5-8

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,
putting trust in our own strength,

we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God,
we are like a tree planted by water.

**Our roots grow deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious,
but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

*OPENING PRAYER

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jer. 17:10; Ps. 139:23-24

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word. Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 39)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.*

*Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish—bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Firmly Planted”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 250

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *George Triplett*

Communion Servers: *Lori Triplett & Jerry Nail*

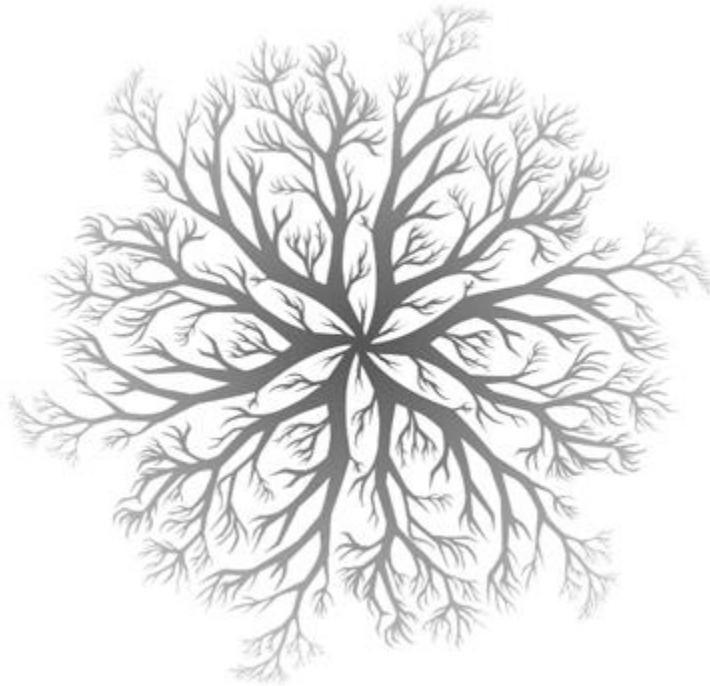
The flowers today are given in memory of Esther Jansing by her family.

The Life of the Church

On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Mission as a Spiritual Practice is the theme of a two-part class being led by Jeff Moles on Tuesdays February 22 and March 1 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We will be exploring ways to re-think the ways we have done "mission" - moving from a model where those who "have" provide for those who "have not" to something that more closely resembles God's radical vision of love in community.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

The Pastor's Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, March 9, running through April 6. We will be discussing the book *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan. Classes will meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please contact the church office if you would like help purchasing the book.





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