



Emancipation and Freedom Monument, Richmond, VA

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 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

Ps. 27:4

The psalmist sings,
One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.
**Sisters, brothers, siblings, God is good,
and in love and mercy greets us here.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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

Ps. 27:1

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Phil. 3:20-21

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ps. 27:1

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

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)

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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 Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27 A song of God's covenant people. **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Citizenship Test”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Phil. 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Extended Table

Mary Lou Taylor

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

The Lord is My Saving Light

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*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, O God, for here at your table you have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong for your service that we may be messengers of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 816

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Me

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LIEBEN GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Tom Furlong*

Communion Servers: *Susan Furlong & Marilyn Van Winkle*

The Life of the Church

An Intergenerational Fellowship Event celebrating Mister Rogers Sunday will be held next Sunday, March 20, from 5:00-7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Plan to put on your cardigan and join us for supper and activities for neighbors of all ages that will help us think about our calling to be peacemakers in the world.

Extended Table is back after a two year hiatus! This fellowship event is for anyone who would like to eat lunch together, “extending” the table where we have gathered in worship, where there is room for everyone. We will eat at Briarpatch following worship next Sunday, March 20.

The Pastor’s Lenten Book Study continues on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the Gardenside Parlor, running through April 6. We will be discussing the book *I’m Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan. Please contact the church office if you would like help purchasing the book.

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





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and to join God in the building of a
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