

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Online Worship
March 7, 2021

PRELUDE “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” – arranged by Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT “This Is the Day” – Les Garrett

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: O God, you send us out, like Abram and Sarai.

People: We travel by day, in confidence.

Leader: You draw us close, like Nicodemus.

People: We travel by night, with questions.

Leader: With our hopes and our doubts,

People: We embark on our journeys of faith.

Leader: With the saints of every age,

People: We seek the way that leads into your love.

Leader: We pause on our journey to praise you,

People: And rejoice to find you with us, guiding every step.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Beckoning God, you plant in us urgent questions, wonderings, calls, that lead us to you. You gather us into your Church: prophets and ponderers, travelers and builders. You make room for us and challenge us to be your beloved community. Bless us so that we may become a blessing in your world, doing your work of justice, hope and truth, among all people. Amen.

OPENING HYMN # 545 “He Leadeth Me”

PASTORAL PRAYER Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Lead Me, Guide Me” – Doris Akers

CHORAL ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – arranged by Gilbert M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

Selma Naccach Hoff

Joh 21:15-19 (New Revised Standard Version)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Changing Lives: Peter”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

CLOSING HYMN # 559

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**In your journeys to and fro, God direct you.
In your happiness and pleasure, God bless you.
In your acts of mercy, God guide you.
In care, anxiety, or trouble, God sustain you.
In peril and in danger, God protect you.
May the grace of God be with you all,
Now and always.
Amen**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue from Sonata no. 2” – Felix Mendelssohn

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Opening Hymn no. 545 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)

3. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)

Closing Hymn no. 559 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

1. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell! For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; well.

2. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps my falter, and my soul athirst my be, gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see; see.

3. All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way; way.