



First Congregational Church



Second Sunday in Lent

13 March 2022



Enter with a spirit of preparation as we gather ourselves for worship

Prelude: "Prelude on *The God of Abraham Praise*" Richard Proulx

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit: "Behold the Lamb of God"

Call to Worship

*** Hymn:** "Lead Me, Guide Me" **No. 583, P. 7**

*** Responsive Reading:** (from Psalm 27)

ONE: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

ONE: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

ALL: my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

ONE: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

ALL: though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

ONE: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

ALL: 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 his temple.

ONE: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

ALL: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

ONE: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

ALL: and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

ONE: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

ALL: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

ONE: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger,

ALL: you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ONE: If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up

ALL: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

ONE: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

ALL: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

ONE: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD,

how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates

Musical Offering: "Hear, O Israel" Craig Courtney
FCC Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Meditation" Robert Powell

* **Doxology: (tune) No. 47**

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

* **Dedication of Gifts:**

ALL: O Generous One, we give thanks to you for your steadfast love endures forever. May these gifts be used to feed the hunger and satisfy the thirst of your creating Spirit. Amen.

* Hymn: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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

Second Reading: Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.'"

Sermon:

Ollie Bergh

* Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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* Benediction

*Benediction Response: "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the Fa - ther's bound - less love,



With the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor, Rest up - on us from a - bove.

Postlude: "Solemn Postlude" Reginald Barrett

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
nev - er shall the cross for - sake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.
from the cross the ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
peace is there, that knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

WORDS: Doris Akers, 1953
 MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; harm. Richard Smallwood

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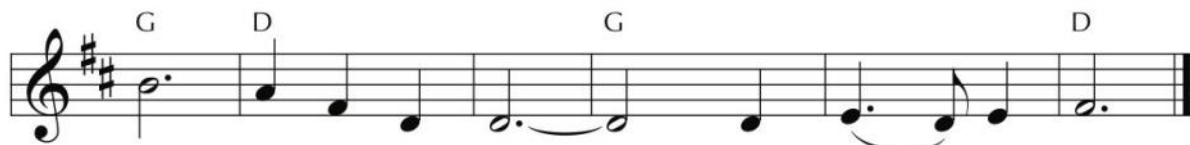
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.

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MUSIC: Carolyn Jennings, 1995
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(alternate tune: MARYTON)

News from the Pews

- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesday, March 15th at 10am (Zoom)
- ☆ **Taizé Service**—Tuesdays at 5:45pm
- ☆ **Handbell Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm
- ☆ **Choir Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- ☆ **Soup Group**—Thursdays at 10am
- ☆ **Worship Meeting**—Thursday, March 17th at 7pm

Guest Preacher Ollie Bergh—Ollie is a seminarian and an associate chaplain at Providence Hospital. He's approved for ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America following his graduation in May from Wartburg Theological Seminary. Ollie grew up in Lake Oswego, Oregon and studied theatre at Western Oregon University before converting to Christianity and eventually following the call to seminary. In his spare time, he can be found experimenting in his kitchen, cooking for his wife Erika (who pastors Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church) and one year old daughter Ottilie.



Taizé Services—Weekly Taizé services every Tuesday throughout Lent. Taizé services are a time of quiet contemplation with meditative music, short readings, and times of prayer. Everyone is invited to join for these relaxed and reflective services, every Tuesday during Lent at 5:45pm.



Soup Group— Every Thursday at 10am. The group will be working on our church history documents to send to the national archives. Starting this week, March 17th, there will be soup again, so come and join us! Contact Claudia Kniefel for additional information.

New Prayer Concerns

Friends & family of Mike Gannutz , cousin of Chris Walker

The Pastoral Search Committee

Our prospective minister

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Doris Stackhouse, daughter of Darlene Gilman

Kathleen Tarr; friend of Marilyn Lee

Scott McClure

Bob Reupke

Macrina Sudbeck; mother of Aimée Sudbeck

Ann & Steve Hutchings

Carolyn Rinehart

Fermen Dillon

Casey Graff; grandniece of Marilyn Lee

Julie, cousin of Claudia Kniefel

Jeannie, family of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Ina, friend of Claudia Kniefel

Sally & Tom; friends of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Tim Griffith; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber

Irene Stewart

Steve McKean

Christina Pike; daughter of Vivian Pike

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko

John Allen

Roger Meyer; brother of Cindi Crawford

Ron Broome

Elisabeth Kachline

Mary Anne’s mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright

Joe’s daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Barbara May; great grandma of Reagan & Avery Binek

Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen

Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee

Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein

Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum

Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins

Lillian Soth; grandchild of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Sylvi Dix, friend of Marilyn Lee & Eric Johnson

Lois Hale; family of Susan Faith

For all the teachers, aides, staff, & volunteers who educate our children; for the first responders, those serving in the military, and those that serve our community in a variety of ways; for the peacekeepers and public servants; for those in our community who are in need and those struggling in different ways; for the people with whom we are in conflict, we pray.

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Lori Parker Wasko
Director, Chancel Choir

Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Sandy Skaggs
Usher Team: Kate O'Dell & Susan Faith
Greeter: Chris Walker
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Wedding Coordinator

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Marilyn Lee & Eric Johnson, in thanks to Kate O'Dell and Sharon Higgins for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Flowers provided by Evalyn's Floral

Connect—Get Involved—Share a Prayer Request


Fill out one of the connect cards located in the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

Scan the QR Code to receive news and updates from FCC Anchorage in your inbox.



Hearing-Assist System

Connect directly to a smart device with Bluetooth hearing aids or traditional headphones.

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3. Make sure hearing aid is Bluetooth connected.
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March 2022

Outreach: Catholic Social Services Wishlist

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Second Sunday in Lent Guest Preacher: Ollie Bergh 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship	14 6pm Crow Creek (BR, S)	15 10am Lectio Divina 5:45pm Taize Services	16 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	17 St. Patrick's Day 10am Soup Group 7pm Worship Mtg	18	19 9am Organist
20 Third Sunday in Lent Communion Guest Preacher: Ollie Bergh 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship 11:45am Council Mtg 2pm Pastoral Search Committee Mtg.	21 6pm Crow Creek (BR, S)	22 10am Lectio Divina 5:45pm Taize Services	23 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	24 10am Soup Group	25	26 9am Organist
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent Guest Preacher: Ollie Bergh 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship: Guest Speaker Willy Templeton	28 6pm Crow Creek (BR, S)	29 10am Lectio Divina 5:45pm Taize Services	30 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	31 10am Soup Group	Apr 1	2 9am Organist
3 Fifth Sunday in Lent Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Denise Sudbeck 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship 11:45am Outreach Mtg 12pm Life & Learning Meeting	4 6pm Crow Creek (BR, S)	5 10am Lectio Divina 5:45pm Taize Services	6 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	7 10am Soup Group 5pm Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm Investment Club	8	9 9am Organist