

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" arr.Proulx

Call to Worship from Psalm 22:27-29

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

All the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**To the Lord, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before God shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for the Lord.**

* Hymn 612 "We Praise You, O God"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

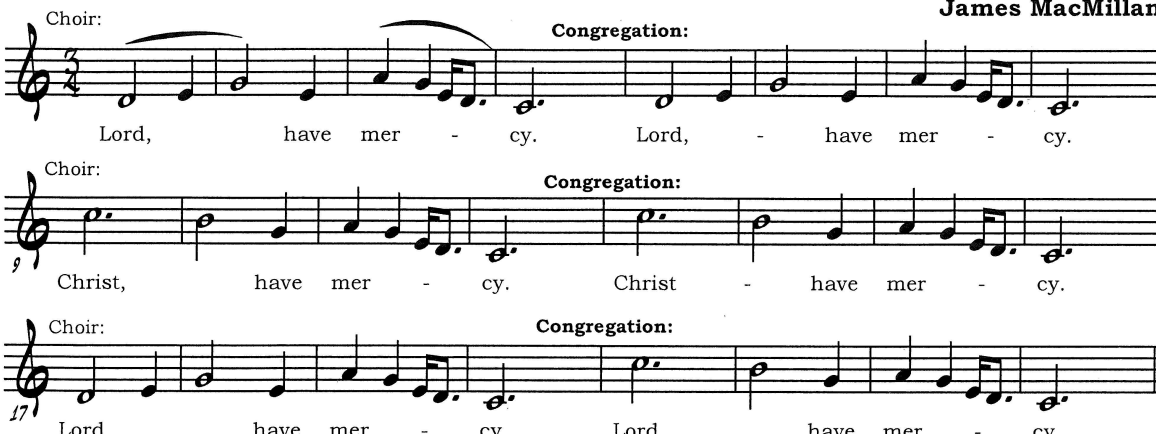
* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie

James MacMillan



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* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 8:31-38 (NT, p. 44)

Psalter: Psalm 22:22-31 (Hymnal 631)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Bind Us Together / Open Our Eyes, Lord" arr. Rogers

Second Lesson: Romans 4:22-5:11 (NT, p. 155)

Sermon: "Handed Over for Our Trespasses..." Rev. Carter
Lenten sermon series: The Word of the Cross

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "My Song is Love Unknown" arr. Osterland

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 838 "Standing on the Promises"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Wood

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

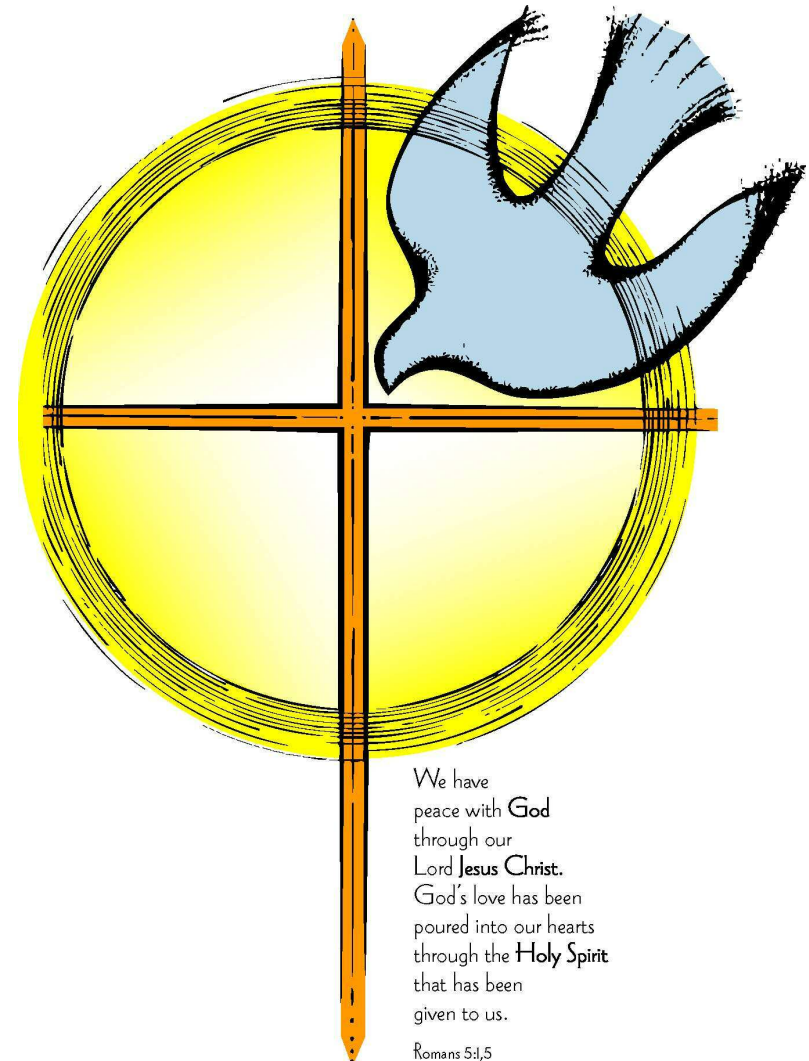
The flowers this morning have been given by Betty Keen to the glory of God and in honor of her husband, Donald.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Richard Cochrane
Ushers	Anne Rich, Joe Waters
Greeters	Jack and Barbara Pittman

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Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Romans 4:22-5:11

Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character

produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.