Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 22)

Victor Jenkins, Liturgist

One: I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

All: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

One: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

All: he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

One: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever

All: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him

*HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Giving is not just a duty but a privilege. This perspective transforms the act of giving from a burden to a joyous expression of faith. It's an opportunity to be a part of something greater than oneself, to contribute to the welfare of the community and the world and to participate in divine work.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Lord we give to you today what is already yours, a portion of the abundance with which you have provided us. Help us to remember that all we have is made possible by the the gifts with which you blessed us and the bounty of your creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN (Insert) "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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^{*}For those who are able, please stand.

- Today's Ushers: Marge Calkins & Martha Stevens
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Andrea Ducharme
- Choir Practice: will be held at 9:15 each Sunday before Worship.
- **Gospel of John Bible Study:** is held on Mondays at 4:30, in the Media Center.
- **Special Congregational Meeting** on Sunday March 3rd in the Sanctuary immediately after the service for the sole purpose of electing our Nominating Committee. (10-15 minutes).
- The Next Community Dinner: is March 21, 4:00 5:15. Sit-down dinner with Take-out available. Corned Beef, cabbage, red-skinned potatoes, carrots, pumpernickel bread and cake with green frosting.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Karen Chamis; Carol Hovey; Nancy Runyans; Sandy Smith; Anthonia Todd

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First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Liturgist

red Bible p.16, black Bible p.13

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:13-25 **Tom Eckrote**

red Bible p. 1372, black Bible p. 155

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8: 31-38 **Tom Eckrote**

red Bible p. 1227, black Bible p. 44

SERMON "A Cross of Hope" Tom Eckrote

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

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.

*HYMN #371 "Lift High the Cross"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus died and rose again that we might obtain forgiveness for our sins. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not followed Jesus in his mission to the world. Deepen within us, our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Forgive us our God, and teach us to take your love for us into the world.

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our god.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tom Eckrote

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.