

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

March 8th, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

*indicates please stand if you are able

Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Larghetto* J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Sandra Dewsberry

Introit *I rest in God alone*

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship (based on John 3:16)

For God so loved the world;

**The sparrows, the mountain lions,
the fish and the people.**

For God so loved the world;

**In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

For God so loved the world;

**Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

For God so loved the world;

Let us worship God!

written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her Liturgies Outside website. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

*Hymn *There's a spirit in the air* 76

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

God of salvation,
you shower our lives and our world with love,
yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

Prayer of Confession

It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden, that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4779/worship-elements-march-8-2020>

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn *Lord, I want to be a Christian* 571

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Maryellen Fleming

❖ Psalm 12

¹ Help, O LORD, for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

² **They utter lies to each other;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.**

³ **May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
the tongue that makes great boasts,**

⁴ **those who say, 'With our tongues we will prevail;
our lips are our own—who is our master?'**

⁵ 'Because the poor are despoiled,
because the needy groan,
I will now rise up,' says the LORD;
'I will place them in the safety for which they long.'

⁶ **The promises of the LORD are promises that are pure,
silver refined in a furnace on the ground,
purified seven times.**

⁷ You, O LORD, will protect us;
you will guard us from this generation for ever.

⁸ **On every side the wicked prowl,
as vileness is exalted among humankind.**

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❖ **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *Man of sorrows, wondrous name* **210**

Offering

Organist's Offering *Allegretto Amabile*

C. Franck
of Music

Doxology *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far to small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. Words: public domain

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous and loving God, in gratitude for all that we
have received in Christ and in creation, we offer you this
portion of what we have to share. Take these gifts and
bless them, and us, for the building up of your kingdom
in the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Choir's gift
of music**

Because He Lives

Gloria/
William J. Gaither

Prayers of the People

We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* **407**

Benediction

Response *We are marching/Siyahamba* **639**

We are marching in the light of God (4 times)

We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God (x2)

Harmony:

We are marching in the light of God (3 times)

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, (2 times)

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, (2 times)

we are marching in the light of God.

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Postlude

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

F. Telemann

