

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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**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**

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> **those who say, ‘With our tongues we will prevail;  
our lips are our own—who is our master?’**

<sup>5</sup> ‘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.’

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

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

<sup>8</sup> **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

