

MARCH 22, 2020

9:45 A.M.

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

LORD, MAKE US YOURS: BECOMING INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Charles Ore

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
"There is not one blade of grass, there is not color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice"—John Calvin

INTROIT

In the Pain and Joy

M. Haugen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather around, you are welcome here,

and here we will hear Good News.

In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices

it is the God of encouragement who will speak to us today,

The God of and in Jesus Christ.

So settle back, relax, let your tiredness and the anxiety of this past week roll away.

Let us lift up our hearts and listen; let us worship and be at peace.

HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

Purple, No. 623, verse 1

OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

We bring our burdens and our sins to You, O Christ, who bears the heavy load for us. We place upon You our shortcomings, our anger and our desire, those times we surrendered to fear, knowing that You can restore us to life. We confess that we have not loved You fully and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we have not fully loved even our very selves. Restore what has been broken, transform what has been twisted, find what has been lost, so we may be the living, loving image of You in creation. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The Grace of God in Christ knows no end!

Let proclaim the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Love to Tell the Story

Purple, No. 462, verses 1 & 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare us, O God, to listen and be changed, to discern and to believe, to be comforted and to love. Free us from the distractions of tomorrow and what might be. Guide us, Lord, so that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

SERMON READING

Mark 12:28-44

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Make Me an Instrument

C. Courtney

HOMILY

Where There is Sadness, Joy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself. God calls us to protect and seek justice for those who are poor and vulnerable, and our treatment of people who are “oppressed,” “strangers,” “outsiders,” or otherwise considered “marginal” is a test of our relationship to God, who made us all equal in divine dignity and love. If our gospel is not “good news to the poor,” it is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

I've Got Joy Like a Fountain

Purple, No. 623, verse 2

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Dona Nobis Pacem from *Mass in B-minor*

JS Bach

CHARGE AND BLESSING/ CLOSING RESPONSE

Give Us Strength to Love

M. Haugen

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Charles Ore

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby *Liturgist/Time with Children*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory
Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele
Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto; Alfredo Jimenez, tenor

NORTHMINSTER MISSION STATEMENT

With Jesus Christ as our guide, Northminster Presbyterian Church will love friend and stranger as God loves us, welcome all, worship with joyful hope, serve our communities with compassion and commitment, and care for one another as we grow together in faith and understanding.

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I've Got Peace Like a River

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Verse 2

I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean, etc.

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.

Refrain

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