



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

1st Sunday in Lent
March 6th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

DRESSING THE TABLE

PRELUDE: “Before the Throne of God Above”
“The Power of The Cross”

Chancel Choir
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WELCOME

MOMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
The whole earth is full of his glory!
The whole earth is full of his glory!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole earth, give us faith to perceive your glory and to receive your Son who displayed your glory on the cross. Change us into his likeness, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOD'S GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the

Father Almighty, from the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-13

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” **9** And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

10 Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

12 until the Lord sends everyone far away,

and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
13 Even if a tenth part remain in it,
 it will be burned again,
 like a terebinth or an oak
 whose stump remains standing
 when it is felled.”
 The holy seed is its stump.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

8...“The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); **9** because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. **11** The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **13** For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

SERMON The Shaking of the Temple

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever felt like God told you no?
 Has God ever taken a burned out stump in your life and grew something amazing?

WITNESS TO GOD’S GOODNESS

Peggy Fowler

OFFERING

Psalm 116 says: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God’s people. Let us give our gift to honor our God and support the ministries of our Church Family.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Father in heaven, multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness. Magnify your purposes in their distribution, to the end that your kingdom may come and your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Hear the gracious words of our Savior: Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Paul Tillich said,

In grace something is overcome; grace occurs in spite of something; grace occurs in spite of separation and estrangement. Grace is the reunion of life with life, the reconciliation of the self with itself. Grace is the acceptance of that which is rejected. Grace transforms fate into a meaningful destiny; it changes guilt into confidence and courage. There is something triumphant in the word grace: in spite of the abounding of sin, grace abounds much more.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent ways and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

we confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

HYMN #525: "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"**COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom you made all things and sustain them by your power. When we rebelled against you, you did not reject us. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then, in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to those who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

According to his commandment:

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread and, after giving thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in

my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Prayer:

O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

ANTHEM LENTEN MEDITATION

Chancel Choir

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever

POSTLUDE Jesus Paid It All *with* Lizst's Consolation III - Rebekah Ratza

May the Peace of Christ be with you...

...And also with you!
