

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid"
Samuel Libra, organ

Ethel Smyth

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
Hymn can be found on page 6

MONKLAND

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess our complicity in the divisions that have wounded our country and our world. We acknowledge that we have turned aside from your way. We have failed to trust in you and failed to rely on the daily sustenance that you provide. We have failed to love you and our neighbor, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Forgive us, and restore in us your Spirit of compassion and justice-seeking love. Help us to go into your world to feed the hungry and bring hope to all who feel despair.

(Time for silent prayer)

*KYRIE

Lord have mer-cy up - on us. Lord have mer-cy up - on us.

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***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

(to the tune of "Jesus Shall Reign")

DUKE STREET

**May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.**

THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:4-12

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Krista Heckmann, mezzo soprano; Samuel Libra, organ

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of our kind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:5-13

SERMON

A Declaration of Dependence

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The French Reformed Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, our creator. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our redeemer. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. I believe in the eternal God; in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen.

ANTHEM

I Am the Bread of Life
The Octet

Sr. Suzanne Toolan

“I am the Bread of Life,
you who come to me shall not
hunger; You who believe in me shall
not thirst. No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons. And I
will raise you up on the last day.”

“The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, you
shall live forever . . . And I will raise
you up on the last day.”

“I am the resurrection; I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though
you die, you shall live forever.
And I will raise you up on the last
day.”

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Stanzas 1 and 3

FAITHFULNESS

Hymn can be found on pages 7 and 8

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Impromptu in A-minor, Op. 78, No. 3
Samuel Libra, organ

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

IN WORSHIP TODAY

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 or by using the Venmo app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Virginia Fortner, visual editor; Nicholas Moloney, video

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Cathy and John Hollander, their daughters, Emily Bowling and Sara Zoeller, and their families on the death of Cathy's mother, Linda Crump, 2/14/21.

Kitty deVoogd and her family on the death of her mother, Kay Billingham, 1/30/21.

Larry Jones and his family on the death of his mother, Morel Jones, 1/28/21.

Cathy and Tim Martin and their daughter, Lindsay Martin Cook, and their families on the death of Cathy's father, Robert Plank McCrea, and Tim's brother, Dennis Eugene Martin, both on 1/28/21.

Hugh Dukes and his family on the death of his brother, 1/25/21.

Jim Haynes and his family on the death of his sister, Ann Borrett, 1/13/21.

The family of former Pastor Glenn Dorris on the death of his wife, Frances, 1/11/21.

Nancy Thomas, her daughter and son-in-law on the death of his mother, Denise Wong. 1/6/21.

Kitty Keeley and her family on the death of her son, Ches Keeley, 1/4/21

Nancy Nesbitt and her family on the death of her husband, Chuck Nesbitt, 1/1/21.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
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Keith DeCosta, Sexton

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Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of February 21, 2021

Don't miss our next **Virtual Concert this afternoon** at 3 p.m. on our YouTube channel 2ndpreslou – **RADIANCE OF TWO**. Our featured artists include violinists Gabriel Lefkowitz and Julie Noon (Concertmaster and Assistant Concertmaster of the Louisville Orchestra, respectively); Jim Recktenwald (Assistant Principal Trumpet of the Louisville Orchestra) and his wife, Soprano Christina Bouras Recktenwald, accompanied by Samuel Libra, organist; and violists Evan Viv (Assistant Principal Viola of the Louisville Orchestra) and his wife Laura De St. Croix-Vicic. At 2:45, join us for a Pre-Concert Talk with Daniel Gilliam of UOL 90.5, as he discusses the pieces performed in the concert, as well as interviews one of the composers. Our highlighted mission is the **Women's Global Cancer Alliance**, a mission partner of Second Presbyterian. More information about WGCA and how to donate can be found at www.womensgca.org.

Wednesdays Together Deadline to RSVP is Monday, 2/22 at noon. For the 6 weeks of Lent, we will again meet for our weekly meal and formation activities for adults, youth, and children where we will take a deeper look into the theme of the week. Under guidelines for reopening, this opportunity is limited to 25 participants. 2021 Spring Schedule: February 17-March 24; 5:30-6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Great Hall; 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult, Youth, and Children Classes.

Mission of the Month-United Crescent Hill Ministries We are collecting canned goods and hygiene items most needed for the UCHM food pantry. See the list in your Seconds to Go. Dropoff is under the portico at door 3 at the church..

Sunday School Lessons for February will be based on the Dr. Seuss book and movie "Horton Hears a Who." Bags for February Sunday School will be available under the portico on Sunday, February 7th and throughout the month. The Sunday School bags contain materials that relate to a lesson that will go out each Sunday via the Children's Ministry Newsletter, 2PK (2nd Pres. Kids) and will be posted on the church's website under Resources.

Second Cup - Today at noon, following the 11 a.m. online service. We will be discussing Scripture and the sermon from Worship together. Join us for this time of fellowship! Look for more information in this week's Seconds to Go.

Open Gym takes place each Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. for grades 4 and up. Kickball, badminton, floor hockey, volleyball, ultimate soccer are all possibilities for this night of fun. Use door number 6, by the chapel, for entry. Fourth & 5th grade parents are asked to stay during the first open gym your child attends. For more information contact Jordan Akin at jakin@2ndpreslou.org or Lorie Williamson at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org

Lunch Bunch will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 12:00-1:00 for children in grades 4 and up. Lunch is provided, so join us for a time to hang out and just be together in the Youth Suite! Enter through the office door (door 2) to sign in and for temperature check. Masks must be worn when not eating. Please contact Chelsea Beasley at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org to sign up.

The **Morning Joy** weekday Bible study began January 7: "Luke's Jesus: A Thematic Study of The Gospel According to Luke." Morning Joy meets on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom. The link appears in Seconds to Go. If you would like to be on the Zoom mailing list, please contact Chelsea Beasley at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org or call her at 895-3483.

Lenten Recital Series, begins this Thursday, February 25 at Noon - We have the opportunity to hear Samuel Libra and guest artists in music for the Lenten Season. Each Thursday at noon, the recitals will air on our YouTube channel. On February 25, we will hear 19th-century organ works by Brahms, Coleridge-Taylor and Smyth with Samuel on the organ. The organ bloomed with renewed interest in the 19th century in the hands of eminent composers such as Johannes Brahms. Alongside his devastatingly beautiful chorale preludes, this program features music of English contemporaries, Ethel Smyth and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, including the latter's soulful Three Impromptus for Organ.

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind 31

(Psalm 136)

1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the
 2 God, with all - com - mand - ing might, filled the
 3 All things liv - ing God does feed; with full
 4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the

Lord who is so kind:
 new - made world with light: for God's mer - cies
 mea - sure, meets their need:
 Lord who is so kind:

shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the fifteen-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주