

February 26, 2023

“This is Our Story, This is My Song”

GATHERING MUSIC

Bob Cannon, trumpet *Trumpet Dialog in E-flat* Ashdown

CONFESSSION written by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

Leader: God of Comfort and God of Challenge,

**All: we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did,
full of complaints and dissatisfaction.**

Nothing is enough;

**we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to
day lives.**

**Forgive us when we become so comfortable
that we moan and groan about
the most insignificant details of our lives.**

Leader: In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites,
to consider the bigger picture
of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

**All: Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you
might show us;
Keep opening our eyes until we see what you see in our
world.**

Pastor: Our journey this Lent is a journey with Jesus,
Through the wilderness of sin and death,
And through the grave into eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and made
new in God's love.

All: Amen!

OPENING HYMN *Song Over the Waters*

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of
God's presence of love and grace.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE READING...NUMBERS 21:4-9 NRSV

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around
the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no
food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they
bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking
against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the
serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on
a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG *Wind of the Spirit*

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 3:1-15 NRSV

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG *Wind of the Spirit*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #638 vv 1 & 3 *Blessed Assurance*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
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- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



GENEROSITY IMPACT Austin City Lutherans Homelessness Initiative

OFFERING RESPONSE

8:15 Choir *Precious Lord*

10:45 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the
Risen presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC ELW pg. 191 ***Lamb of God***

8:15 Choir ***Here I Am, Lord*** Arr. Mark Hayes

10:45 Bob Cannon, trumpet ***There Is a Balm in Gilead*** Arr. Farlee

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #809 ***Send Me, Lord***

COMMISSIONING

Leader: As we walk with you in this holy season Lent, give us bold
faith to ask questions, seek answers, and be open to your
Spirit moving in our lives. Let us go in peace to love and
serve the Lord...

ALL: Thanks be to God...And We Will!

POSTLUDE Bob Cannon, trumpet ***Trompette Jubilante*** Penfield

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Eric Paul.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

Sara Ella Burden, mother of Sara Burden McClure.

We pray for Debra Wissman and family on the death of her mother, Margie Robinson. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Choir (8:15)

Trumpet Bob Cannon

Acolyte (8:15) Sawyer Dertien; (10:45) Lillian Murray

Altar Steward (8:15) ; (10:45) Carol Morgan

Assisting Minister (8:15) Joel Timmons; (10:45) Pam Petterson

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Joel Timmons, Dana and Sawyer Dertien;

(10:45) Pam Petterson, Lillian Murray, Carole Morgan

Food For Fellowship Alison Cannon

Hosts (8:15) Larry and Sandy Smith

(10:45) Jeri Porter, Kristen and Cole Bonner

Tellers (10:45) Jeri Porter

Admin Ministry Coordinator

Amanda Forsberg

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