

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE "Reach Out to Jesus" Ralph Carmichael

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and He rules over the nations.

To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down,

before Him shall bow all who go to the dust.

OPENING HYMN "To Abraham and Sarah" GTG # 51

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, You alone are merciful and just, and You alone grant forgiveness in the wideness of Your grace. Hear us now as we confess our sins of commission and of omission.

Silence

We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. We humbly repent and seek, O God, Your compassion through the gift of Your Son, Jesus, and the power of Your Holy Spirit.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

SERMON "Have You Anything to Declare?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME FOR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY "The Sweet Love of God"
Zoe and David Nott

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us for the sake of Him, Who holding back nothing, gave His all for our salvation. In the Name of Jesus, we ask that You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, would give our offerings something sweet to do. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" GTG # 215

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" Gordon Young

Going Forth

Assisting in Worship:

Anita Bakou, Emily Crisp, Zoe Nott, David Nott, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Isabel (Bunny) Hughes.