



“For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

- Mark 8:35

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 22

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord;

People: All the families of the nations shall worship before our God.

Leader: We shall tell future generations of God's righteous deeds,

People: And declare to a people not yet born what God has done to save them.

HYMN #297

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Charles Dickerson

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow, for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we celebrate the new life which you have given. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated. Yet there are times when doubt overcomes hope, when our worry replaces anticipation, when we forget the depth of your compassion. Forgive us. Help us to move with joy into the future that you have prepared for all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claire McCurry

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" – arr. E. Boatner
Soprano Yolanda West

Althea Waites

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

#95

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

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 8:31-38

The risk and reward of the gospel

Claire McCurry

SERMON

"The Economy of Grace"

Jonathan Chute

HYMN #140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Charles Dickerson

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

(Refrain) **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)***

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

"Let the Walls Come Down"

3rd service ensemble

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Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director

Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music

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