



First
Sunday
of
Lent



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*During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus,
“the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2),
and grow in love toward God and one another.
Welcome to worship.*

Welcome

Prelude

Lamb of God

Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Rev. Kathleen Sheets, Pastor, Jesup, IA

One: To the fisherman Jesus said:

Many: **“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.**

One: To the tax collector Jesus said:

Many: **“Follow me.”**

One: To the rich man Jesus said:

Many: **“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”**

One: At the last supper Jesus said:

Many: **“Follow me.”**

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

Many: **“Follow me!”**

* Opening Prayer

Revised Common Lectionary

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* **Opening Song** *I Love to Tell the Story*

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Verse 1:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above:
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Verse 2:

I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

Verse 3:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

You Are Exalted

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You are exalted, forever exalted on high. I will praise you.
You are exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise your name!

You are my God—forever your truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in your holy name.
You are exalted, forever exalted on high!

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:17-22, NRSVUE

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Special Music

Amazing Grace

Early American Melody
Arr. by Frances L. Callahan

The Ash Grove

Welsh Folk Tune
Arr. Melvin Rotermund

WORSHIP IN GIVING

A Moment in Black Brethren History

Brethren Encyclopedia

Samuel Weir ⁽¹⁸¹²⁻¹⁸⁸⁴⁾ was born enslaved in Bath County, VA. He was sold to Andrew McClure at age 12. One of the sons of McClure was thrown from a horse and killed which moved the family to join the Dunkard Brethren Church. They were not allowed to join if they owned slaves, so they freed Samuel, although he continued to live with and work for them until he was able to be sent to a freed state. He was baptized by Peter Nead and made his way to Ohio where he became a member of the Painter Creek congregation. In 1849, he was permitted to preach for the congregation and was licensed to minister to Black folks in that area. In 1872, Weir was elected a minister in the Fairview congregation. On February 9, 1881, he was ordained an elder for Black members in the Scioto Valley.

Song

I Will Follow

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I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

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Verse 1:

All your ways are good, all your ways are sure;
I will trust in you alone. Higher than my sight,
high above my life; I will trust in you alone.

*Refrain: Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move. I will follow you.
Whom you love, I'll love; how you serve, I'll serve;
if this life I lose, I will follow you. I will follow you.*

Verse 2:

Light into the world, light into my life,
I will live for you alone. You're the one I seek,
knowing I will find all I need in you alone.

Refrain

Bridge:

In you, there's life everlasting.
In you, there's freedom for my soul.
In you, there's joy, unending joy;
and I will follow.

Refrain

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:23-27, NRSVUE

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at

them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Sermon

“To the One Who Has Everything”

Pastoral Prayer

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Song

How Firm A Foundation

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Verse 1:

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2:

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3:

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you the deepest distress.

Verse 4:

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you. I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

Verse 5:

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Motherless Child

William E. Barton

* Please stand as able and led



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