



Second
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 *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: **But Jesus asks us, “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

One: The cup of Jesus’ own life, struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

Many: **And Jesus asks us, “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

Many: **But Jesus challenges us, “To become great you must serve!”**

One: Why are we here?

Many: **To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

* Opening Prayer

Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your

presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

* **Opening Song** *We've Come This Far by Faith* # 599 VT

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Refrain:

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.*

Verse 1:

Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life,
he'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.
That's why ... [*Refrain*]

Verse 2:

Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say the Lord has made a way,
And He's never failed me yet.
That's why ... [*Refrain*]

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* # 681 VT

Refrain:

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Verse 1:

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.

Refrain

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:32-45, NRSVUE

³² They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; ³⁴ they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first

among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

All That Matters

Minister GUC

WORSHIP IN GIVING

A Moment in Black Brethren History

Belita D. Mitchell, the first Black woman to be ordained in the Church of the Brethren and the first Black woman to serve as our Annual Conference moderator, passed away on February 10 at her home in Mechanicsburg, PA. In 2007, Belita served as moderator of Annual Conference with being “prayed up” as a theme of her leadership, and the call for diversity a cornerstone of her year as moderator. In 2017, she and her husband, who is currently director of Church Development for Atlantic Northeast District, received the “Revelation 7:9 Award” from the denomination’s Intercultural Ministries in recognition of significant leadership in efforts to make the Church of the Brethren an intercultural church. In 2022, she was the preacher for the final worship service at the Annual Conference in Omaha, NE, where she said when preaching, “One thing Jesus did well was cross social and cultural boundaries... In the church, we need to stop looking at all the differences... and look at the needs... If we trust the power of the Spirit in us, there’s no end to what we can do to share the love.”

Song

We Shall Overcome

#803 VT

Verse 1:

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

Verse 2:

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,

we'll walk hand in hand someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!

Verse 3:

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!

Verse 4:

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
we are not afraid today!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we are not afraid today!

Verse 5:

God will see us through, God will see us through,
God will see us through today!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe God will see us through today!

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:46-52, NRSVUE

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

"Take Heart... He Is Calling You"

The Invitation

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Song** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* #544 VT

Verse 1:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

*"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

Verse 2:

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

Verse 3:

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #610 VT

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Verse 1:

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2:

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3:

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* Please stand as able and led



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