



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

William B. Bradbury

The Welcome

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Guiding Lord, even though we hesitate on this Lenten journey;
we have vowed to come with you
through all the trials and fears
toward the Cross.**

**Today we face the challenge
which true commitment brings.**

Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service?

**We would like to think that we can do that,
but we are aware of how many times
we have turned away from service
and instead focused on our own desires.**

**Remind us again of the commitment
you would have us give
if we are to become disciples.**

Forgive our stubbornness and fears.

**Lead us forward, gracious Lord,
up these steps toward the Cross. Amen.**

The Silent Prayer

The Words of Assurance

The journey of discipleship is never easy;
but you can be assured
that you will not be on this journey alone.
Place your trust in Jesus. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2130*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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The Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

The Sermon*Did You Read the Fine Print?*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer**The Offertory Solo***Take Up Your Cross*

Hal H. Hopson

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,
“If you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
God's strength will bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and gird your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for you the cross endured,
to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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.**

The Hymn No. 598

O Word of God Incarnate

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1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, our Savior,
received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.
3. The Scripture is a banner
before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon
above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
to you, O Christ, will guide.
4. O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Postlude on RESTORATION

Wilbur Held

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We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

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Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
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Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singer:	Sam Cook
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran
	Nathan Grubb
	Glenn Thomsen

Scripture

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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