

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent; 10:00 am Feb 28, 2021**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

**People: towards the one who calls us each by a new name.**

Leader: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

**People: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

Leader: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

**People: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our ancestors, we have spoken words and promises we could not keep. We offer our hearts and lives to you..... on our terms..... when we have time. We promise to follow you but refuse burdens that are uncomfortable or unfair. When we see our sin, we are selfishly quick to seek your forgiveness, but slow to reconcile and repair the damage with our repentance. Forgive our distrust in your promises and our turn our lackluster joy into laughter, God of Sarah. Forgive our disbelief and our despair, God of Abraham and Thomas. Forgive our hesitation in committing ourselves to you, God of Peter.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Nancy Bell

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-16

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

Special Music

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

HYMN "What a Beautiful Name" (see insert)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**Leading Worship:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Jamie Poppell, liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Joey Ratliff, Elder of the Month.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

### **Announcements**

**Monday Morning Yoga** 10am

**Lenten Bible Study** Wednesdays 1pm Fellowship Hall

**Worship Committee meeting** March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm

**Congregational care meeting** March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm

**Fellowship Meeting** March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm

**Prayer Meeting** Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am



**"God Shows Abraham the Stars"**  
by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, c. 1851-60.

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What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is. The Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us. So Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is. What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus

Death could not hold you. The veil tore before you. You silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring. The praise of your glory. For you are raised to life again. You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever, God you reign. Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names.

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