

St. Paul United Church of Christ

OAK HARBOR, OHIO

February 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

10:15 am

Rev. Dan Sather, Interim Pastor

Rev. Scott Cunningham, Associate Pastor

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP

*GATHERING WORDS:

One: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:
God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the
edge of every new beginning and God calls you beloved.

All: *We are washed by the water. We are called beloved. Thanks be to
God for a love like that. In this time of worship, may we listen for your
voice and with our lips, our songs of praise, gratitude, and joy.*

*GATHERING HYMN: "In the Garden" No. 635

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Creator God, we cannot hear the trees growing, or seeds
pushing up through the dirt to welcome the sun. And we cannot hear a
single drop of rain, missing one in the many. We cannot hear the
weight of people's grief, a burden that so often is silent. And we cannot
hear when hearts are changed, but you can. You hear it all. So once
again, we come to you with bowed heads and hopeful hearts, asking
that you would lend us your ears. Help us to hear as you hear so that
we can live as you lived. We are listening. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS – MORNING PRAYERS – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Cares Chorus" No. 627

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon
you.

HEARING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC:

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:31-9:1

HYMN: "Near the Cross" No. 319

SERMON: "Again & Again, We are Called to Listen"

SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

*PARTING SONG: "Be Still, My Soul" No. 712

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our
faith. You alone know how much we share and how much we withhold.
You know the degree of our trust and the depth of our commitment. As
we meet you again draw us closer to you, blessing our gifts so they
may be more pleasing to you. Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

(During the Postlude, please remain seated until you are dismissed by an usher. Thank you for
your cooperation in this matter.)

**Indicates that worshippers are invited to stand, if able*

Be Still, My Soul 712

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

F C E C7 F C7 E Bb C7 C F C7 E C7 F

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall be for-

1 2 3 4 5

C7 F Bb C7 F E Dm E A C Gm

cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Gm D7 Gm E E A Bb Bb6 Gm6 A F E Dm

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul! when

13 14 15 16 17

Dm E C Gm D7 Gm E C7sus C7 F

best, thy heav'n-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

TEXT: Kacharina von Schlegel; translated by Jane L. Borthwick
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius

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635 In the Garden

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20

Ab Ab2 Ab Ab C Eb Ab Eb Bb C7 Db

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a-

1 2 3

Bbm Db Ab Eb7 Db Eb C Eb Ab

still on the ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall-ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;

4 5 6

Ab Bb7 Bb9 Bb Bb7 Eb D Eb Eb7 Cm Eb Refrain Ab AbM7 Ab6

The Son of God dis-clos-es.
 With-in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call-ing.

7 8 9

Eb7 Eb7 Eb9 Cm G Ab

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we

10 11 12 13

C7 C Fm Ab7 Db Ab Eb7 Ab

share as we tar-ry there None oth-er has ev-er known.

14 15 16

TEXT: C. Austin Miles
 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles

GARDEN
 Irregular meter

EASTER LILIES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DECORATE THE CHANCEL FOR EASTER BY DONATING AN EASTER LILY? YOU MAY ORDER A SINGLE LILY FOR \$8.75 OR A DOUBLE LILY FOR \$16.00 OR YOU MAY BRING LILIES IN YOURSELF. FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DEPOSIT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE WITH YOUR CHECK OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ***NO LATER THAN FRIDAY - MARCH 12TH - AT 9AM.***

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR IN THE BULLETIN (IN HONOR OF; IN MEMORY OF...) AND ALSO WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP YOUR FLOWERS OR HAVE THEM DELIVERED TO SHUT-INS.

PLEASE NOTE. IF YOU BRING THE FLOWERS IN YOURSELF, PLEASE DO SO BY 9AM SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3RD. PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON YOUR LILY IN AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT BUT IN A FASHION THAT IT CANNOT BECOME DETACHED. *THANK YOU!*

My name is : _____

Phone: _____

_____ (number) single pot(s)

_____ (number) double pot(s)

_____ (number) pot(s); I will purchase these myself and deliver them by 9am Saturday morning, 4/3

_____ I will pick up my lilies

_____ I would like my lilies to be delivered to shut-ins

This is the language I would like to see included in the bulletin:

Near the Cross 319

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross - There a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
 Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
 Till I reach the gold - en strand, Just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain
 In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er,

Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby
 MUSIC: William H. Doane

NEAR THE CROSS
 7.6.7.6. with Refrain

Cares Chorus 627

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

TEXT: Kelly Willard
MUSIC: Kelly Willard

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CARES CHORUS
Irregular meter

SERVICE OF LAMENT AND PRAISE MARCH 14th

Sunday, March 14th will mark one year since COVID, and the last time we met as a congregation under pre-Covid expectations for worship and fellowship. Churches around the world moved to new ways of being, and understanding Church in this COVID time. Still, to this day, many have not returned to in person worship and breaking bread together. The past year has been filled with losses of every kind and it will be helpful for us to remember these, lift them up and look forward to a new time when we can be fully together, again. In addition, many have lost loved ones to COVID-19. We have closed the building to groups, fellowship, dinners, Sunday School, weddings and celebrations we would have loved to be a part. We social distance in church, limit our singing, and wear masks to protect one another from the virus. All of these things have changed our understanding and expectation of church. On Sunday, March 14th, I would like to engage the congregation in a **Service of Lament and Praise**. I would like to grieve the losses we have known, the changes that we have had to make, remember those who have died because of COVID-19, and move to praise and anticipation for a new time. In order to do this most effectively, I am soliciting input from the members and would like to include your information in our worship service on the 14th. In order to do this, there are three things that I would like for you to consider sharing with me, via my E-mail, that I would like to include in worship. You can send your ideas to my E-mail address. My E-mail address: pastordan@stpauluccoh.org. Here are the suggestions I would like to receive from you in order to plan our worship service of Lament and Praise.

1. Names of those closest to you who have died because of COVID.
2. What do you miss about church that COVID has taken away from you? (List as many as you like)
3. What do you most look forward to as we return to church under more normal circumstances? (Limit your response to 1 or 2 that are most important to you).

Thank you for responding and sending your thoughts to me. **Please make sure that you your responses are returned to me by Sunday, March 7th** so that we have the necessary time to complete the bulletin for the 14th. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Pastor Dan Sather