

A Personal Worship Experience from
First (Park) Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2021
PERSONAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE @ PARK CHURCH

GATHERING

Gathering Music and Centering Prayer

David Wells, trombone
Phyllis Ann Miner, piano
Pavane
Maurice Ravel (1875-1936)

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me

*Open unto me, light for my darkness.
Open unto me, courage for my fear.
Open unto me, hope for my despair.
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.*

*Open unto me, joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me, strength for my weakness.
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins.*

*Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness.
Open unto me, love for my hates.
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.*

~~ Howard Thurman

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

Prelude

Steven B. Smith, organ
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Albert L. Travis

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Tune: NETTLETON
(recorded May 3, 2020)

Lenten Prayer of Confession and
Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

PROCLAMATION

Anthem

The Chancel Choir
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Craig Carnahan
(recorded March 6, 2016)

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.*

*“Praise, O praise Him! Praise the Lamb!
Praise, O praise Him! Glory to the great I am.”*

*And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.*

*“Praise, O praise Him! Praise the Lamb!
Praise, O praise Him! Glory to the great I am.”*

*Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*

*“Praise, O praise Him! Praise the Lamb!
Praise, O praise Him! Glory to the great I am.”*

The Old Testament Lesson

Darin Hodde, Liturgist

Psalm 31:1-8

Prayers of the People/Our Savior's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen

The New Testament Lesson

Darin Hodde, Liturgist

John 5:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen

Lenten Questions for Serious Seekers

"In Your Brokenness Is There Healing?"

Response

Phyllis Ann Miner, harp

Steven B. Smith, organ

Deep River

Spiritual, Arr. Daniel Burton

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace?

Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Solo

Paula R. Tibbe, soprano

When I Think Upon Your Goodness

Franz Joseph Haydn

*When I think upon Your goodness, and recall Your tender care,
Then O God my heart rejoices. How great Your bounties are.*

*For Your love is overflowing like the sky it has no bound,
And Your truth is ever near us, for in You is comfort found.*

God is life and God is Spirit, God alone has life and power.

Now O God we sing and praise You.

How great your wonders are.

God is love and never-failing, on God's power shall we rely.

BENEDICTION

Closing Hymn

There is Now a New Creation

Tune: STUTTGART
(recorded March 6, 2016)

Our Common Commission

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage; holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil; strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted; honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

Steven B. Smith, organ
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
John Behnke



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle, worship leader and minister of music

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen, interim preaching minister

Darin Hodde, liturgist

Steven B. Smith, principal organist

Phyllis Ann Miner, music associate, piano and harp

Paula R. Tibbe, soprano

David L. Wells, trombone

An Open and Affirming Congregation

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

As Jesus demonstrated by his life and teachings, we fully value and welcome all people into the life of Park Church, regardless of beliefs or doubts, age, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical, mental, or emotional ability, or economic status. In fact, we value and celebrate the rich diversity of all God's creation.

Our Vision

To build a community of relentless compassion
and courageous hope where all are seen and known, and
the God of extravagant love is revealed.

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