



*Sunday, February 28, 2021*

***Sunday***  
***Virtual Worship***

# **SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

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### **GREETING and WELCOME**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “*More Love to Thee, O Christ*” arr. Donald Moore

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
**who forgives all your iniquity,**  
**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
**who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**  
Let us worship God!

### **UNISON PRAYER**

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN 457** “*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*” (vs. 1 & 5)

**PRAYER of CONFESSION:** Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**SONG DURING CONFESSION** “*Lord Have Mercy upon Us*”

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### **ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Friends, hear the good news! We have been crucified with Christ! We no longer live, but it is Christ who lives in us. And the life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

We who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit into a new way of living in Christ.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Psalm 38

**SERMON**                    *“A Lament for Healing”*                    The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston  
Series: *“Lament Psalms for Lent”*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **OFFERING STATEMENT**

### **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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**HYMN 383**                    *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* (vs 1 & 4)

### **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

### **PASSING of the PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

Go in peace.

**POSTLUDE**                    *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*                    Edward Broughton



## Psalm 38

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath. <sup>2</sup>For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. <sup>3</sup>There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. <sup>4</sup>For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness; <sup>6</sup>I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning. <sup>7</sup>For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. <sup>8</sup>I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. <sup>9</sup>O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you. <sup>10</sup>My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. <sup>11</sup>My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction, and my neighbors stand far off. <sup>12</sup>Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all day long. <sup>13</sup>But I am like the deaf, I do not hear; like the mute, who cannot speak. <sup>14</sup>Truly, I am like one who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no retort. But it is for you, O LORD THAT I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. <sup>16</sup>For I pray, “Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips.” <sup>17</sup>For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me. <sup>18</sup>I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. <sup>19</sup>Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. <sup>20</sup>Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good. Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me; <sup>22</sup>make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

All my longings lie open before you, Lord;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

**Psalm 38:9**

