

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

Genesis 15:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Luke 13:34

Organ/Piano

Dianne Holliman

Postlude

Bob Sykes

Assistants

Naomi Artlip

Riley Berry

Wendy Ransom

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.

In God I trust, in God I trust.

Proclamation

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

We trust in the one triune God,

Whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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Hymn 488

"The God of Abraham Praise"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

Silence

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,

And love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,

and God will be our savior.

Blessing the World

China

Hymn 354

"Guide My Feet"

First Pew

Parish Life

Interlude

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Lessons

Genesis 15:1-18 • Luke 13:31-35

Homily

"Through the Night"

Hymn 404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

Prayer

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Kyrie"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Affirmation

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Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,

and God will be our savior.

Announcements & Charge

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Postlude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

It is not easy in this wilderness

I know enough

to stand in awe;

I am not worthy

of this wilderness

But still it calls me,

calls me, calls me.

L. C. Vieira

You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.

Thomas Merton

Thoughts in Solitude

I have learned to prize holy ignorance more highly than religious certainty.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Faith without doubt is dead faith.

Miquel Unamuno

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Pat Kercheval

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Harvey Kercheval

Sermons

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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Sun 24 Second Sunday in Lent

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar

9:30 a.m. Middlers in the Morning

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup & Bread Supper. Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Spiritual Journey presentations. Sanctuary

Tues 26

7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Wed 27

7:30 p.m. Psalm Singers practice

Thurs 28

10:00 a.m. Listening Group

Fri 1

4:00 pm. Connections at the Blue Moon

Sat 2

8:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women

Sun 3 Third Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 5:30 p.m. Soup and Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall. (It helps the kitchen crew to bring your own bowl, spoon and cup.) Program in Sanctuary: begins at 6:15 p.m. **Tonight "Notes from My Spiritual Journey" by Rosemarie Coy & Richard Womeldorf.** Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring soup and/or bread.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)—Saturday! If you are interested in being part of a Presbyterian women's group but are unable to attend the regular Thursday meetings, join us on **Saturday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our purpose is to determine if a group would like to meet on a regular basis and what format and direction would meet the

needs of the group. The Thursday PW group will provide breakfast. All Presbyterian women are invited to join us. If you need childcare, notify kathy@spcworks.org Questions? Contact Rie Wilson, 304.876.6591 or riewilson@me.com.

AMERICA & ITS GUNS: *A Theological Exposé* by James Atwood. Resource for 4th Lenten Sunday (March 10) discussion. Available in the office for \$25. Pay less if you must, more if you can. Also available in digital (\$9.99) from Amazon. Another resource for discussion is PCUSA study paper, *Gun Violence/Gospel Values*. Available in Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

Second Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2013

10:45 A.M.

May we discover
through pain and torment,
the strength to live
with grace and humor.

May we discover
through doubt and anguish,
the strength to live
with dignity and holiness.

May we discover
through suffering and fear,
the strength
to move toward healing.

May it come to pass
that we be restored
to health and to vigor.
May Life grant us wellness
of body, spirit, and mind.

And if this cannot be so,
may we find in this
transformation and passage
moments of meaning,
opportunities for love
and the deep and gracious calm
that comes when we allow ourselves
to move on.

Rabbi Ramí M. Shapiro

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