

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF SUGAR LAND**

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent



""Do YOU Believe This?": Martha and Mary"

Lenten Sermon Series: "They Met Jesus"

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First Presbyterian Church, Sugar Land, Texas

PRELUDE

Matt Wallace

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Jeremiah 31: 31, 33*)

Leader: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord

No. 589

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Wherever you are...whenever you watch this...

Let us take time to confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Let us pray now in silence.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

RESPONSE

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Refrain

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

THE LAW OF GOD (from Philippians 2: 2-4)

Leader: Let us remember how God calls us to live as a people forgiven:

"You were taught...to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

People: And to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." So let us put off falsehood and speak truthfully to our neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"This Is Where Children Belong" - James Ritchie

This, this is where children belong,

Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, Bread and cup, prayer and song:

This is where children belong.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace"

Lanae Buie

READING OF GOD'S WORD

From the Old Testament— Psalm 130: 5-6

From the New Testament -- John 11:1-6, 17-43

Leader: We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from 1st question and answer of Heidelberg Catechism)

We affirm what we believe using the first question and answer from the Heidelberg Catechism. Christians have used these words since 1560, in times of peace and war, of prosperity and sickness, and we use them today:

What is my only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own but belong- body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. **AMEN.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Lead Me, Lord"

No. 695

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;
Make your way plain before my face.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness:

People: Guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 688

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us see Thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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CALL TO COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS OF THE WEEK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, ending with The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"Footsteps of Jesus"

No. 685

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,
"Come, follow Me!"
And we see where Thy foot prints falling,
Lead us to Thee.

(Refrain)

*Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.*

Tho' they lead o're the cold, dark mountains,
Seeking His sheep,
Or along by "Si-lo-am's fountains,
Helping the weak.

(Refrain)

If they lead thro' the temple holy,
Preaching the Word,
Or in home of the poor and lowly,
Serving the Lord.

(Refrain)

Then at last, when on high He sees us,
Our Journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus
End at His throne.

(Refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"God Be With You"

No. 232, verse 2

God be with you till we meet again;
 'Neath his winds protecting,
hide you, Daily manna still provide you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Matt Wallace