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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**Andante con moto**

Frank Bridge

**INTROIT**

Plainsong

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

—*Psalm 90:15-16*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

**\*HYMN** (*insert*)

**All My Hope on God is Founded**

MICHAEL

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. The LORD leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.**

*Psalm 25:1-4, 8-10*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**



*\*Those who are able may stand.*

## WELCOME

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, remind us of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be your people. Given abundance upon abundance, we grasp at what we have, and fail to see the ways you have already blessed us. Created for generous living, we have retreated into fear of scarcity. Forgive our failure to live the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully, seeing all the ways your blessings have been given to us, and respond in deeper commitment. For we pray it in the name of Jesus Christ, and for his sake...

### KYRIE (573) (*Choir and Congregation*)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### ANTHEM

### God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

—*John 3:16*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

(p. 7)

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

(p. 229)

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

(p. 34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

PICARDY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

### SERMON

### The Reign of God is at Hand

Dr. Brian Blount

### \*HYMN 404

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Laura Colee

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

—*excerpted from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text*

## CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.  
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

## OFFERTORY

### Be Still, My Soul

Percy W. Whitlock

Be still, my soul! For God is near! The great High Priest is with thee now; the Lord of Life himself is near, before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart His lowly throne thy Saviour God in love draws nigh; He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord! For Thou dost call – to blend my pleading prayer with Thine; to Thee I give myself – my all, and feed on Thee and make Thee mine. Amen.

—*William D. McLagan*

## \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS from Communion Service in e

Harold Darke

## ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion will be served by intinction. Communion kits are available to anyone who prefers not to commune by intinction; kindly signal to an usher and a kit will be provided to you.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### Sonata for Flute and Piano

Francis Poulenc

II. Cantilena

Frances Tate, flute

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \*HYMN 379

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Benediction for Lent 1

Donald Nally

Amen. When he calls on me I will answer him.

## POSTLUDE

### My Hope Is Built...

arr. Robert Powell

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Our guest preacher this morning is the Reverend Dr. Brian K. Blount, President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Blount delivered this year's Schneider Lecture as part of our *Conversations Worth Having* series yesterday.

# All My Hope on God is Founded

*Michael*

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my trust re - new.  
2 Pride of man and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray his trust;  
3 God's great good - ness ay en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom, pas - sing thought:  
4 Dai - ly doth th'Al - mighty gi - ver boun - teous gifts on us be - stow;  
5 Still from man to God e - ter - nal sa - cri - fice of praise be done,



Me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true.  
what with care and toil he build - eth, tower and tem - ple fall to dust.  
splen - dour, light and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught.  
his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go.  
high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ his Son.



God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
E - ver - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait at his com - mand.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

# Lenten Donation Drive

## February 18 - April 7

supporting

**PHILLY**  **HOUSE**



During the season of Lent, the Missions Committee is sponsoring a drive to support **PHILLY HOUSE**, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing.

Items to donate are listed below. Donations can be dropped off in designated locations at the church. Items may also be purchased online from the Amazon Wishlist. (Amazon Wishlist items will be shipped directly to Philly House.) Scan the QR code for more information.

### ITEMS TO DONATE

- New combs for men
- New hair picks for men
- New men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Men's sneakers (all sizes)
- Men's adjustable canvas belts (all sizes)
- Men's boxer underwear and stretch boxer briefs (all sizes)
- Down alternative pillows
- Men's loose fit shorts (all sizes)
- Socks (all sizes)
- Lightweight waterproof backpacks

