



Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent



Via Live Stream - Facebook and YouTube links at pawcreekpc.org
Daily Lenten Devotions at pawcreekreflections.blogspot.com

Preparatory Music

Word of God Speak

Bart Millard and Pete Kepley

Welcome

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.*

Prelude

Meditation on Sweet Bye and Bye

arr. Robert Thygerson

Call to Worship

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD do we lift up our souls; in you we put our trust.
Show us your ways and teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth for you are the God of salvation;
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Hymn 438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.*

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Hymn 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

Sermon

The bow in the clouds

Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd

arr. Don Wyrzten

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Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Hymn 22

"God of the Sparrow"

*God of the sparrow God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise.*

*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save.*

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Brian C. Howell