



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Sunday, March 7, 2021

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE "A Lenten Idyll" *Franklin D. Ashdown*

INTROIT "Locus Iste" *Anton Bruckner*

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN No. 428 "Before I Take the Body of My Lord" *Inward Light*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 2:13-22

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God in Plain Sight: Coins" *Rev. Matthew Nickel*

ANTHEM "The Altar" *Hal H. Hopson*

A broken altar, Lord, thy servant rears, made of a heart, and cemented with tears: Whose parts are as thy hand did frame; No workman's tool hath touched the same. A Heart alone Is such a stone, as nothing but Thy pow'r doth cut. Wherefore each part of my hard heart meets in this frame, to praise thy Name: That if I chance to hold my peace, these stones to praise thee may not cease. O let thy blessed sacrifice be mine, and sanctify this Altar to be thine. (Text from "The Temple" by George Herbert, 1633)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 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.

COMMUNION

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offerings can be made online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" *Twenty-Fourth*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *David Cherwien*

As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary, you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, Florello Itchon, Kathi Johnson, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Lesley Lambright, Anne, Sara, & Ben Maters, Eleanor Mobley, Fred Roberts, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Wininger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt (313)822-3456.

Today's Worship Participants – Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, John Lovegren, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Ushers: Judy Agley, Paula Cole and Keith Wicks. Liturgist: Paul Booker.

Birth Announcement - The white rose on the chancel celebrates the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth on March 2 to Sara Maters & Brian David, granddaughter to Anne Maters. We celebrate new life with them with this blessing from the baptismal liturgy: *For you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life. All this he did for you, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first."*

Lenten Sermon Series: God in Plain Sight

In Lent, we will focus our attention on our experience with God through some common objects that Jesus would have encountered on his journey to Jerusalem. May we deepen our experience on an extraordinary grace through reflecting on these ordinary things.

March 14 | Mark 6:6-13 | "Shoes"

Palm Sunday | Mark 11:1-11 | "Coats"

Good Friday | John 18-19 | "Thorns"

March 21 | Matthew 25:1-31 | "Oil"

Maundy Thursday | John 13 | "Towels"

Easter Sunday | Mark 16:1-8 | "Stones"

Lenten Book Group: Lent in Plain Sight – The groups will continue on Mondays through March at noon or 7pm on Zoom. You can purchase your book from The Thoughtful Christian or Amazon. For Zoom details, email Margie in the church office (margie@japc.org).

Organ Recital Featuring Stephen Warner – Join us on Wednesday, March 24 (7:30 p.m.) for an organ recital presented by our own Stephen Warner. The recital will feature works related to Lent and Easter by Jean Langlais, Gattried Walker, Paul Manz and Charles-Marie Widor. It will also feature a composition depicting the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King by James Lee III. The recital will be live and streamed. Admission is free!

Who is God Calling to Faithful Serve? — The JAPC Nominating Committee seeks to identify members of the church to serve as elders and deacons. Are you or someone you know called to serve? Elders (who serve as the Session) exercise leadership, governance, spiritual discernment and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life and ministries of the church. Deacons should be people who demonstrate spiritual character, model Christian living, share compassion, pray for the church, and show sound judgment. Please prayerfully consider members of the congregation who might humbly serve as spiritual leaders on behalf of the congregation as Elders and Deacons. Please email you nominations (including self-nominations) with name, the role, and reason why you nominate them to nominations@japc.org and please pray for those persons God is preparing to serve.

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