

Theme for 2021 The Divine Dance with the Trinity: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



LENT WORSHIP SERIES

Walk Before Me

REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE



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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us
either*

on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation, please stand if able*

Point to Ponder: Faith is the biggest game-changer in Christian history, making us right with God through our faith in Jesus Christ.

BEGINNING WITH A SONG Hank Tharpe & Randy Ashley

HEADS UP ON WHERE WE ARE GOING!

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination. For God's creation is not done.

People: We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.

Leader: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

People: Come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!

SONG OF PRAISE

No. 662

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Melissa

PRAYERS OF THE CONTINUED JOURNEY OF LENT



Though people may turn their backs on us, you do not hide your face from us.

Though others may try to take away our hope, you assure us of that future waiting for us. You speak your name, Inscrutable Creator, and it is enough.

When we try to dictate our fears to you, you invite us to follow you into self-denial and service. As we struggle to shape our lifestyle to yours, you carry us with you wherever we go. You speak your good news, Teacher of open hearts, and it is enough.

Though we have done nothing to earn them, you pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us. When we stumble over our lack of trust, you set us back on our feet, to follow you into the kingdom.

You speak your peace, Breath of Holiness, and it is enough. God in Community, Holy in One, it is enough that you hear us even as we pray as we are taught,

Our Father . . . followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all, you love us and have claimed us. As you blessed Sarah and Abraham, you have invited us into the blessing of connection within the family of humanity whom you continue to bless. We give our tithes and offerings in celebration of the depths of our blessing and pray that they will strengthen the church across the world to bless all your children. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray in gratitude. Amen.

OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY**

Hank Tharpe

SCRIPTURE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Jeremiah 31:3

I have loved you with an everlasting love

Jeremiah 31:3

SPECIAL MUSIC

PSALTER

Yvette Cortez

Psalm 22:23-31

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT

Louise Humble

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

“Walk Before Me”

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

No. 881

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

No. 452

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Time to Go, in God’s power that moves through acts of faith.

People: We go walking by faith not by sight. We go depending on God, who is wise beyond the laws of this land.

Pastor: Do all of these things, so that all that is right and good permeates each day until we meet again.

Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Hank Tharpe