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## Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior  
to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all**, we proclaim the  
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

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Pat Gifford, liturgist

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PRELUDE

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*  
setting, Christopher Uehlein

##### CALL to WORSHIP (Romans 4:25; Mark 8:34)

One: God's Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation...

**All: and was raised from the dead  
for the redemption of the world.**

One: God, grant us the courage to take up our cross  
and follow you that through your grace  
we may accept the gift of discipleship

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

##### HYMN – "The God of Abraham Praise"

#49

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest.  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last,  
beyond all thought, and still the same!

##### PRAYER of CONFESSION (Mark 8:34-37)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been  
sincere in our desire to follow you. We claim to  
follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial  
love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not  
willing to bear the cost of discipleship.**

**We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge  
our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

##### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS *Romans 4:24*

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust  
that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

##### UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word,  
reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust  
in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

##### SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word  
**And the Word was with God.**

A reading from Mark 8:31-38  
For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

##### SERMON – "Again & Again: I Am..."

Pastor Marc

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

##### HYMN – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

#726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

#### AFFIRMATION of FAITH –

The Westminster Confession of Faith (excerpts)

**All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth,  
in and for his only Son Jesus Christ,  
to make partakers of the grace of adoption:  
by which they are taken into the number,  
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children  
of God; have his name put upon them; receive the  
Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace  
with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father;  
are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened  
by him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed  
to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises,  
as heirs of everlasting salvation.**

**They who are effectually called and regenerated,  
having a new heart and a new spirit created in them,  
are further sanctified, really and personally,  
through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection,  
by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them;  
the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,  
and the several lusts thereof are more and more  
weakened and mortified, and they more and more  
quicken and strengthened, in all saving graces,  
to the practice of true holiness,  
without which no man shall see the Lord.**

#### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

##### MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

*"I Surrender All"*  
Judson Wheeler van Deventer  
& Winfield Scott Weeden  
Ellie Wilmes, soloist

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to give online

#### PRAYER of DEDICATION

##### HYMN – "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

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Christ has risen while earth slumbers;  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor:  
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people  
whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples  
huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation  
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives  
to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present  
making us what he has been:  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.

**BLESSING**

**May the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
uphold us again and again on the journey  
of Lent throughout these forty days  
and throughout our entire lives. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*  
setting, David Lasky

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**The flowers** on the altar are given by Cornelia Browne in loving memory of the life of Becky Rudolph and with much appreciation for her years of service to the church choir.

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**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Sarah Soika, John Woodruff.

**Email congregational concerns to Judy Fisher,**  
[fisherrh@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherrh@miamioh.edu), or contact the church office.

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**MINISTRY NEWS**

**Fellowship in the Virtual Molyneaux Lounge**

Join us after worship at this [link](#) on Zoom.

**Lenten Creation Care Podcast Series**

Podcasts are a great way to explore new ideas. This Lent, our Christian Education Committee teamed up with our Caring for Creation team to develop a series of "Caring for Creation" podcasts. Each week, you are invited to listen to one of the podcasts linked [HERE](#) and then join members of our Caring for Creation team on Sundays on Zoom starting at 11:45 am for a coffee hour discussion of the week's listening.

Information for Zoom Meetings is [here](#) (please scroll to bottom of document for more information)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89958739600?pwd=enVzaExRUGxOTIR1Q0kbWfHYVnJQ09>

**Youth Group Service Project at 4:00 p.m.**

Youth Group will be meeting in the Memorial Building for a service project at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon (note the time change!). We will be working with Jenn Walter to help sort out the Christian Ed meeting and storage rooms on the first floor. Masks and facial coverings are required, and there will be temperature checks at the door.

**Lenten Reflections**

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, we hold hope together throughout the Journey to Jerusalem. We need the 40 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples.

Each Wednesday throughout Lent, members of the OPC Staff will be offering individual messages of hope on our YouTube channel and social media pages.

Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to Christ and trust that God will meet us with hope, time and again, along the way.

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**OPW's Honored Woman Award**

As we anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring in 2021, we are again seeking from our congregation nominations for the Honored Woman's Award. We wish to recognize that person who has given faithfully and selflessly to the betterment, growth, and outreach of OPC. Please nominate by means of a letter indicating the contributions made to the church as a whole.

Letters must be received by February 28 to Susan King ([Kingsusanhenkins@gmail.com](mailto:Kingsusanhenkins@gmail.com)) or Becky Quay ([Quayrh@miamioh.edu](mailto:Quayrh@miamioh.edu)) to be considered. Thank you.

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**Confirmation Meets on Monday, March 1**

Our next confirmation class will be meeting Monday, March 1 at 7:45 p.m. Carrie Ann will be leading our lesson entitled "The Word and the word." Weather permitting, we will be meeting in the barn this week (3751 Darrtown Road).

If you would like to be added to the confirmation class email list, please contact [Pastor Marc](#).

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**Media Content Creators Needed!**

The communications team at Oxford Presbyterian Church is so thrilled with our new audio-visual upgrades to our sanctuary and our facilities...and now it's time to start dreaming about how to use them! We are looking to put together a new Media Content Team of volunteers to help envision, oversee, and curate the ways that we communicate across all forms of digital, physical, and social media. Our first meeting is this coming Thursday, March 3rd at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. If this is an area that you might have some interest in, please contact [Gene Krebs](#) or [Pastor Marc](#).

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:  
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>**

**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor  
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor  
Kent Peterson, Music Director  
Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

# The Second Sunday in Lent



**Sunday, February 28, 2021**



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