

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
People: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.
All: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, you know how we rebel against you. You know how we doubt and fear and hold back when you call us to freedom and to partnership in Jesus Christ. O God, forgive us. Free us by the power of your cross, that we may serve you without fear. Grant us your peace, though Jesus Christ who was faithful to the end. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL Five Cents a Meal Offering

PROCLAIMING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:17-4:1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Littleton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Yowell

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN 840 *It Is Well With My Soul* VILE DU HAVRE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**May the love of God go with you from this place.
May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

*POSTLUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* arr. Page

**Rise in body or spirit.*

The prayer of confession is taken from *Touch Holiness* by R.C. Duck and M. Tirabassi.

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Drew Campbell, Elder of the Month; Hand Chime Choir

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We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .

Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

Learn together as we grow in discipleship and

Reach out in love.

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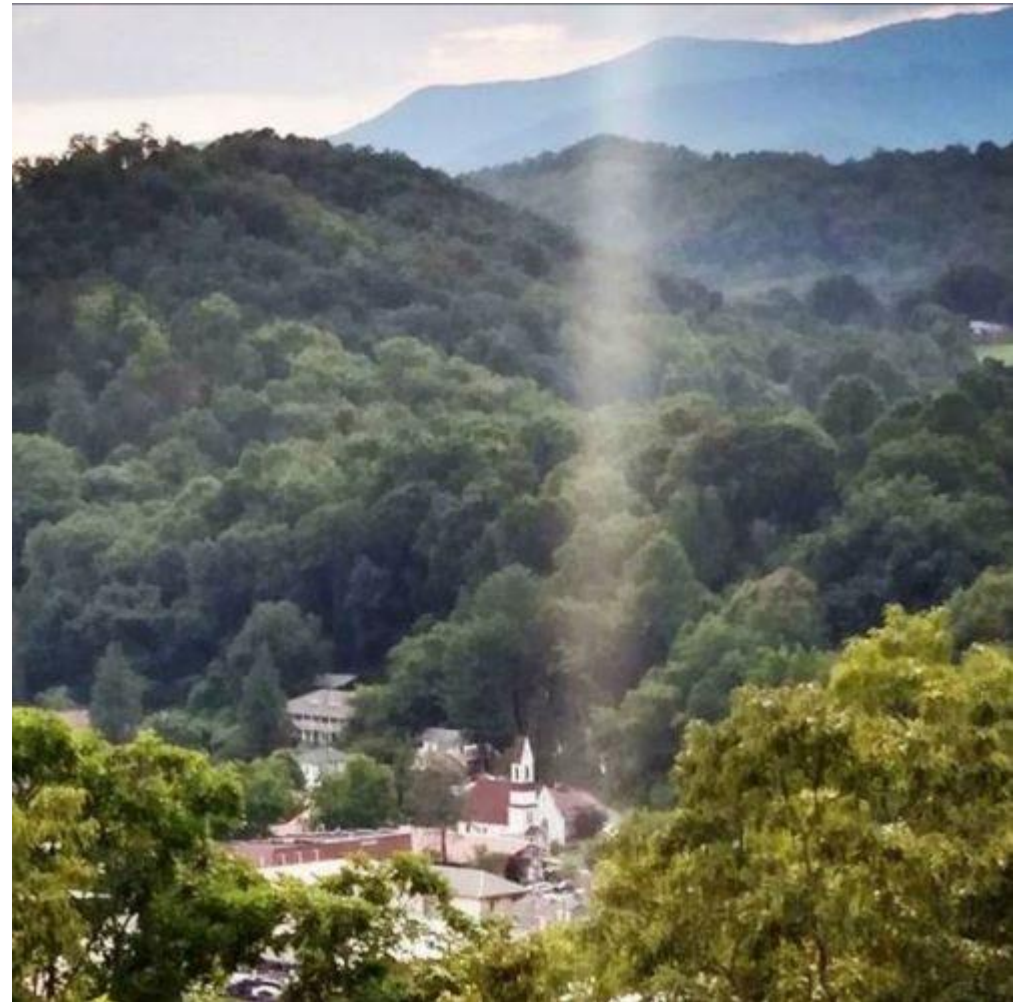
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