

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

Hold on to God's promises. Do not lose faith.

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come away from the gods of our own creation to worship the living God.

PEOPLE: **We leave our anxious toil and worries to find rest in our Creator's presence.**

LEADER: Turn away from preoccupation with earthly things to ponder truths that are eternal.

PEOPLE: **Before all the wonders of creation that we can see we come to ponder realities that are unseen.**

LEADER: Fear not, for God is your shield; your reward shall be very great.

UNISON: **God gathers us together in covenant, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.**

HYMN: *"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"* (#184, vs. 1,3,5, NCH)

CALL TO CONFESSION

How shall we stand before the One who numbers the stars and calls us each by name? How shall we keep covenant with One whose words we have not heeded and whose will

we have denied? Let us confess the sin that cuts us off from God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of Your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base desires. Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us through Jesus to Your eternal will. Hear our individual prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, be assured that our commonwealth is in heaven. From it we await a Savior, who is Christ Jesus, who shall change our bodies into glory, and we shall dwell eternally in God's realm. Trust in Christ, for therein lies our forgiveness.

All praise to our God!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 27:1-4, Philippians 3:17-4:1,
Genesis 15:1-18

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Promises"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

CLOSING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Words on Screen)

THE APOSTLES' CREED: (#881 Black)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

BENEDICTION