



February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

GATHERING		Heather Hinton
GREETING		Darren Cushman Wood
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sunil Kotian
PRELUDE	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	arr. J. Honoré

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us hold fast to our confession:

People: Jesus, the great high priest, shared our weaknesses and faced the testing.

Leader: Therefore, let us go to the throne of grace with confidence

People: so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

OPENING HYMN #57

O For a Thousand Tongues

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!***

***Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.***

***He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.***

***He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.***

***In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:22-26

Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went for three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' He cried out to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he put them to the test. He said, 'If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in his sight, and give heed to his

commandments and keep all his statutes, I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. W. Dawson
Chancel Quartet

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 6

Sunil Kotian

Leader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your rage.

**People: Have compassion on me, for I am weak.
Heal me, for my bones are in agony.**

Leader: I am sick at heart.
How long, O Lord, until you restore me?

**People: Return, O God, and rescue me.
Save me because of your unfailing love.**

Leader: For the dead do not remember you.
Who can praise you from the grave?

**People: I am worn out from sobbing.
All night I flood my bed with weeping,
drenching it with my tears.**

Leader: My vision is blurred by grief;
my eyes are worn out because of all my enemies.

**People: Go away, all you who do evil,
for the Lord has heard my weeping.**

Leader: The Lord has heard my plea;
the Lord will answer my prayer.

**People: May all my enemies be disgraced and terrified.
May they suddenly turn back in shame.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #266

Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer

***Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer; we wait to feel thy touch;
deep-wounded souls to thee repair, and Savior, we are such.***

***Our faith is feeble, we confess we faintly trust thy word;
but wilt thou pity us the less? Be that far from thee, Lord!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus said, "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."
With confidence in the healing grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

**People: Merciful God, hear our plea.
Forgive us for our sins that inflict wounds
and our apathy that ignores the cry of the wounded.
Heal our sin-sick souls of the bitterness and despair**

**that is born of ceaseless suffering.
Redeem our bodies and restore our minds,
through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. Amen.**

Leader: His word is true and his grace is abundant.
Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven."

People: Glory to God. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN FOR REV. DR. RICHARD HAMILTON AND GENE SCOTT

Darren Cushman Wood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

There is Healing in the Name of the Lord

K. Dosso

Quartet: There is healing in the name of the Lord. There is comfort, sweet forgiveness, tender mercy.
There is healing in the name of the Lord, in the sweet name of the Lord.

Response: ***There is healing in the name of the Lord, in the sweet name of the Lord.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

LENTEN DOXOLOGY

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good Power: The Power to Heal

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #512

Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me);

when the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me).

When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,

thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me);

in the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me).

When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,

thou who never lost a battle, stand by me (stand by me).

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me);

when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me).

When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,

O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me (stand by me).

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. R. Hobby

*The white carnations on the altar are in celebration of the lives of Rev. Dr. Richard Hamilton and Gene Scott.
Richard passed away on February 22 and Gene passed away on February 23.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Sunil Kotian, *Pastoral Intern*

John Hague & Jack Haefling, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Chancel Quartet:

Kate Roberts, Amy Cuomo, Nathanael Hein & Ron Berry

The Synoptic Puzzle

Dr. Perry Kea Virtual Study

Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21

9:45-10:45 a.m.

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