Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021  10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)
Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Rev. Alcris Limongi, Huda Kandalaft Kanawati
Musician: Susan Carlton
Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are. We welcome all to join us in worship!

We are glad you’ve joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God’s love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship you will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages you in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding you with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience.

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Our Vision Statement:
“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP...

Stewardship Thought: “Give me Jesus, You may have all this world, but give me Jesus.” (African American Spiritual)

Lighting the Worship Candle Dr. Bailey
Prelude: Susan Carlton
Welcome and Gathering Words Dr. Bailey

Silence

Call to Worship Rev. Bailey/Rev. Limongi
The season of Lent is an intentional call to take a journey, each and every day, glorifying God and following Jesus wherever he leads us. This journey can take us to the place where God covenants with us, to be named with power and purpose. Lent calls us to worship and to bear witness to the good news for the sake of the present and future generations. The Lenten time welcomes the grace of God that equips us with courage to undermine racism, to practice justice and to bring God's hope to all people. Lent also calls us to bear faithful testimony about God’s wonders. Lent also calls each of us to take up our cross, and to trust the One who bears it with us. Lent calls us to receive the grace necessary to journey faithfully with God. Let us worship God, who has promised to supply all our needs.

Gathering Prayer: Rev. Bailey
O God, How We Have Wandered

1  O God, how we have wandered
    and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
    your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.

2  And now at length discerning
    the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
    with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
    and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
    with calf and robe and ring.

3  O God of all the living,
    both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
    our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
    our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

Call to Reconciliation

The truth is, so many of us are just plain worn out. This pandemic continues to take a toll on us; some more than others. Because we are not at our best we sometimes act and speak in hurtful ways. Here now in midst of this worship service we have an opportunity to allow God to ‘reset’ us. Let us confess our need for this.

Confessing Together:

God of Sarah and Abraham, Jesus and disciples, we come seeking to be honest in prayer before you. A year now into this Covid season, we are trying to cope, but we have taken up some bad habits. We can spend hours at our computer, so much so
that we only give you the fatigued moments of our time. God of grace, we confess we have taken our eyes off of you too often, sometimes leading us to think and act in ways not honouring of your will. We have permitted our schedules and or pacifying habits to too often take time away from listening to you and worshipping you. We do not want to be this way. Counting on your mercy and grace, we need and welcome your forgiveness and your strength to help us be more faithful. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Bailey

Silence

Time with Children and Youth

Huda Kandalaft (recorded)

Hymn: Jesus, Friend of Little Children

VU#340

1 Jesus, friend of little children,
let me be one too;
take my hand, and ever keep me
close to you.

2 Teach me how to grow in goodness,
daily as I grow.
You have been a child, and surely
you must know.

3 Never leave me, nor forsake me;
ever be my friend;
for I need you, from life's dawning
to its end.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Jennifer Payne

Responsive Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31

Rev. Bailey/Rev. Limongi
One: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
Many: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
One: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
Many: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
One: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.
Many: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
One: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
Many: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
One: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
Many: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful

Silence

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38
Huda Kandalaft (recorded)

Anthem:  Precious Lord
Rob Hilkes, Debbie McGregor
Alexandra Stockwell

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WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings    Rev. Bailey

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Announcements
Musical Reflection: Anthony/Alcris/Huda
Susan Carlton

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Bailey

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Rev. Limongi

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 let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
    for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
    forever and ever. Amen

AND WE GO OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE AND BLESS

*Hymn  O Jesus I Have Promised  VU#120

1  O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
    remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
    I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
    nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2  O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
    I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
    my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
    but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3  O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
    above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
    O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
    now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

4  O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
    that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
    And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
    O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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*Blessing and Sending Forth
Musical Blessing

Rev. Bailey
Susan Carlton