

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Engagement  
Serve  
participation Affirming  
Transformative  
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discipleship  
Cultivate Welcoming meet  
Programs Spark  
Saint Giles  
Open Vision serving  
Faith church activities  
God, Ministries  
Relationship  
embrace nurturing  
Everyone  
Purposeful

PRELUDE

*As the Deer*

set. Joel Raney

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SILENCE

GATHERING SONG

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things.  
Many: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**  
One: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.  
Many: **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**  
One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
All: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

HYMN #626

*As the Deer*

*As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 22: 23-31

You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

One: The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious.  
Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!  
**All: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

#### **HYMN # 836**

***Abide with Me***  
verses 1, 3, 5

***Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.***

***I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.***

***Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.***

#### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

#### **GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **MESSAGE**

Rev. Katie Cashwell

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Siciliano from Sonata II in E Flat*

J.S. Bach

Erin Munnelly, Flute

Patty Pace, Piano

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Holy God, the Psalmist declares that You "Do not despise or abhor the afflicted, that You do not hide Your face, and You hear their cry (22:24)." So trusting in that divine compassion, and in Your comforting presence, we bring our prayers to You.

We pray for the ways we have seen Your holiness this week and for the joy in our lives:

For the smallest shoots of green life pushing out of the ground, for flocks of robins hopping on our front lawns, for the faces of loved ones on screens, for the kind eyes of strangers over masks, for life out of death, for healing and wholeness.

Loving God, hear our prayer for the world and its leaders. We pray for Myanmar, for China, for our own United States. For all countries torn by war and violence, we lift up to You.

Uphold the leaders of our own government for the work of peace, Provoke their hearts to compassion, and make them agents of reconciling justice among the people.

For our planet Earth, Loving God, hear our prayer. Sustain the earth, our home, for the flourishing of all who live upon it, increase our knowledge of its ecology, and make us good stewards of Earth's abundance.

For the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the lost, Loving God hear our prayer. The Psalmist reminds us that "the poor will eat and be satisfied (22:26)." Make us agents of their fullness and satisfaction. Give us the grace to follow your example and reach out to those who the world forgets, may we live as your children who testify to your all-inclusive love.

For the sick and those in distress, especially from Coronavirus, Loving God, hear our prayer. Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, comfort them in their pain, and restore them to wholeness of life.

For our neighbors, Loving God, hear our prayer. Bless those who live in our local community, strengthen our good will, and let us live in harmony.

For our enemies and our broken relationships, Loving God, hear our prayer. Help us to see Your spirit dwelling in those who annoy us, who disagree with us, who frustrate us. Give us courage to bless them, make us instruments of Your reconciling love.

These prayers we offer through Christ who taught us to pray, saying...

**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; 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.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

***O Lord Hear My Prayer***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***When I call, answer me.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***Come and listen to me.***

## CHARGE

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

## BENEDICTION

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Sonata II in E Flat*

J.S. Bach

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Thank you to Peg Forster for serving as our liturgist, and to Erin Munnelly Denning, David Smith, Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship video.

Today we welcome the Rev. Katie Cashwell to Saint Giles.

Rev. Cashwell is a native North Carolinian and studied anthropology at Davidson College (Go Wildcats!) and received her Masters of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Katie has served churches in Annapolis, Maryland and Washington, D.C. She most recently served as Director of Programs at the Montreat Conference Center where she was the staff person for the Montreat Youth Conferences, College Conference, and Women's Connection. After spending five years in western North Carolina she relocated to Raleigh in June 2019 (just eight months before the pandemic!) with her family. She is presently engaged in the ministry of motherhood, is a Member-at-Large of New Hope Presbytery, and provides pulpit supply to area Triangle churches. Her husband, Sean Eggleston, works for the City of Raleigh. Together they are the parents of two sons, Severn (3) and Robin (9 months). Katie enjoys baking bread, reading fiction, hiking, and yoga.

This week's announcements:

### **Transition Team Heritage Event**

Join us for the Transition Team's Heritage Event this afternoon at 2pm!

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81861978277?pwd=Qk5uaFdUN1lURoVwZkdGVW5wWkVCQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 6197 8277

Passcode: 148885

### **Youth Bike Ride Next Week**

Join us March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for a bike ride on the Oak Park Greenway.

These usually last about 2 hours and will include a time to reflect on God and the world around us. Masks and helmets are required. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle and a small snack.

Please make sure to have your Parental Consent and Release of Liability Forms ([available here](#)) filled out and turned into James.

Get on the day of text list for last minute changes by texting @STGBIKE to 81010.

If you would like to help chaperone this event or have any questions, please contact James Brown our Youth Program Director at [jamesbrown@saintgiles.org](mailto:jamesbrown@saintgiles.org).

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Prayers for the family and friends of the Rev. Mickey Efrid. Rev. Efrid died at the age of 88 on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay  
Charolette Brown  
Dan Grassi  
Inez Ruchte  
Donna Nichols  
Iris Morris

Rachel Williams  
Libby Morton  
Aleta Wheeler  
Jeane Nagel  
Andrew Scharfe  
Chuck Nevitt

Sandra Richbourg  
Dick Grassi  
Barbara Settlemeyre  
Joe Moody  
Dave Smith  
Mac McRackan

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet  
Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna  
Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy  
Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill  
Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev  
Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene  
Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,  
& niece Eloise Lindsay  
Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend  
Paul Hutter & family  
Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne  
Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman  
Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey  
Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family  
Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family  
Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia  
Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters  
Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner  
Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois  
Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son  
Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy  
Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery

*\*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.*