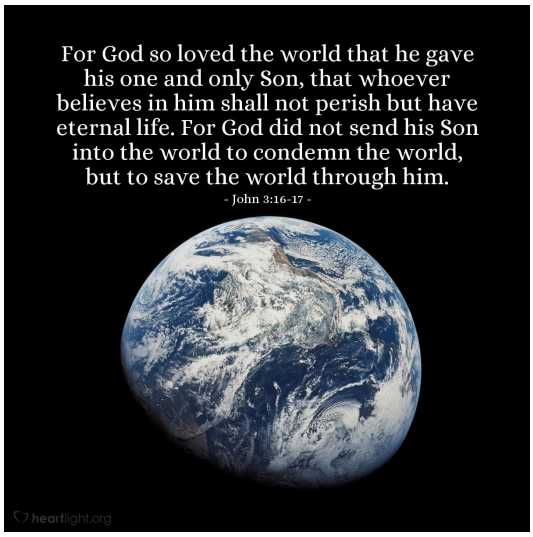

Heartlight

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026, 2025, 10:30am Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm121

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and walks beside us in times of trouble.
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Even when fear and troubles strike us, the Lord keeps us close, for we belong to God.
We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. Let us lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

*HYMN #44 "BEAUTIFUL JESUS," vss. 1 & 3 SCHONSTER HERR JESU

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world. At the same time all who wish to share an offering for the church this morning may come and place it in the offering plates beside the communion table.

May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.

VOLUNTARY "Adagio Sostenuto from Moonlight Sonata" Beethoven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord Jesus, you call us to go and be your disciples, following the plan that you have set before us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not always trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again; help us believe, and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

Friends, believe the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you! **May the peace of God be with us all!**

ANTHEM "Give Me Jesus" Moses Hogan

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Genesis 12: 1-2, 3b an John 3:16-17

A VISUAL SERMON Arranged by Lara Hebert and DiAnne Hatch

During Lent we focus especially on Jesus. Today's scriptures announce God's intent that "all the families of the earth shall be blessed." John reminds us on your bulletin cover that God sent the Son to show us what this salvation and blessing of the whole world should look like.

HYMN # 44 "BEAUTIFUL JESUS," verse #4 (please remain seated)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The recipe for McKinley communion bread is adapted by Julie Birdwell from "Gluten-Free Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day", written by Hertzberg and Francois, and uses a gluten-free sourdough starter. For those who are curious, it contains Sorghum Flour, White Rice Flour, Brown Rice Flour, Oat Flour, Teff Flour, Tapioca Flour, Potato Starch, Water, Xantham Gum, Turbinado Sugar, Kosher Salt. The ceremonial loaf is a yeast-free, vegan loaf using gluten-free flour and oat milk. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients is problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie know. In addition to GF bread, McKinley uses only non-alcoholic grape juice in our common service

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord God:
You created all the earth, the creatures, the skies and seasons and all of us and pronounced it good. You made a covenant with our ancestor Abraham, promising to make of him a great nation, and a blessing to all the families of the earth.

Therefore, we praise you and join the song of the universal church saying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty. Early in the morning our prayers all rise to you. All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus, not to condemn or reject, but to save, so that everyone who puts their trust in Jesus might have eternal life, born again from above through the work of the Spirit. The Spirit empowers us to care for all our neighbors, God's diverse families, with respect and love. Remembering again the life, the ministry, and the death of Jesus we give thanks for goodness, for kindness, for

mercy, and for grace. We offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share Jesus' joyful feast. In our thanks and remembering, hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: This Little Light of Mine Spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional" George Blake

Assisting in Today's Service

Guest Preacher Rev. DiAnne Hatch
Director of Faith Formation, Sara McHenry
Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence
Organist, Andrew Woodruff
Worship Techs, Lara Hebert and Kathie Spegal

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How to Give

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Coming this Week: