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Ask



a Lenten series

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to zoom in on one question and one snippet of the much longer story that was heard in worship on Sunday. Through music, prayer, and reflection we invite you to ponder and identify the questions that rise in you.

Prelude

Pues Si Vivimos

(If We Are Living)

traditional Spanish melody
setting, Charles Callahan

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

*assisted by Sarah Morrissette, cantor
Sue Cardinal, flute*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

EVENING HYMN

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O FAITHFUL GOD

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith - ful God, have mer - cy on your ser - vant here;
 2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail - ings well;
 3. You long for truth, for wis - dom dwell - ing deep with - in;



in your love, re - mem - ber not my sins. In the
 I have sinned and bro - ken faith with you. For the
 teach my heart to long for wis - dom, too: Wash me



wa - ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis - grace;
 wrong that I have done, my trans - gres - sions, ev - 'ry one,
 clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re - joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.
 God your judg - ment would be just and true.
 turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre - ate in me a clean and right - eous heart, O God, put a



will - ing spir - it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a - new the sal -



va - tion found in you, sing - ing praise to you who made me whole.

PRAYER

Holy One, you are steadfast love and abundant mercy to all who turn to you. Create within us hearts of love and compassion. Place in us spirits that are eager to live with integrity. Give us voice to sing to you with gratitude and to proclaim you with courage and conviction. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

Amen

SIMPLE QUESTIONS

John 3:1-9

A reading from John.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

BEACH SPRING
arr. Rich Towsley

Rich Towsley, dulcimer

Silence for meditation

THE MAGNIFICAT
LITANY AND PRAYERS
FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

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DISMISSAL

Go now in the name of our Savior Jesus, who always listens when we pray.

Thanks be to God.

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Share in Simple Suppers each Wednesday at 6:00 PM immediately before our Wednesday evening Service of Holden Evening Prayer. Simple Suppers continue through **March 29**. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve and clean up afterwards.

Parking on Wednesday evening. . . we may use the Board of Education building parking lot but BLC members and guests are asked to avoid using the 3 parking spaces adjacent to the northern walkway leading from the parking lot to the Board of Education building.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website -

<https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

Church office hours: Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585)223-0634 or emailing pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org or pastor.amy@blcfairport.org.