

Second Sunday of Lent Good Shepherd United Methodist Church February 28, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship worship in the time of social distance

Prelude: *More Holiness Give Me*, P. Bliss Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 22: 23-26 Worship Leader

Leader: Praise him, you servants of the Lord! Honor him, you descendants of Jacob! Worship him, you people of Israel!

People: He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering; he does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help.

Leader: In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done; in the presence of those who worship you I will offer the sacrifices I promised.

People: The poor will eat as much as they want; those who come to the Lord will praise him. May they prosper forever!

Opening Prayer Worship Leader

God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship you today.

Hymn *Faith*, *While Trees Are Still in Blossom* #508 Listen as Carol Ghenic, Linda Gottron, Kathy Lewis and Jan Woods sing

Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38 Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *The Gospel Is Always Paradox* Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy, P. Bliss

Doxology Hymnal #95 Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy & Jan sing

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Take Up Thy Cross* #415 Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy & Jan sing

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: O God, the Eternal Father, F. Mendelssohn

Announcements

This afternoon! Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm as part of Black History Month celebration, we are interviewing Mr. Richard H. Gorée, author of Signares' The Women of Gorée Island, which you can livestream online at Good Shepherd UMC Facebook page. Mr. Gorée lives in the community and has written about the history of Gorée Island, which figured prominently in the African slave trade.

Sunday, March 7, 2021 from 1:00-2:30 pm Good Shepherd is hosting a Virtual Baby Shower for parents-to-be Larisa Soboleva and Alex Rubin. RSVP to the church office so you will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the shower.

Easter Lily order forms will soon be available to purchase a lily to honor or memorialize a loved one. They will be placed in the altar area for Easter service and afterwards can be taken home.

Palm/Passion Sunday Service is March 28, 2021 at 10:30 am including palm fronds.

7:00 pm Thursday Adult Bible Study with Rev. Steve Perrine continues in 2021 on Zoom. Let Rev. Steve know if you will participate so he can send you a link and the materials.