

**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Look to the Cross

Words & Music Ruth Elaine Schram

**WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather in peace and love,

All: Lord, we gather to understand your ways to love and have peace more profoundly.

One: The road to love and peace is long,

All: Lord, we will not stop working until the work is complete.

One: There may be dangers, for many truly do not desire peace.

All: Lord, we will not be sidetracked from Your ways. In love and peace, we will carry Your light into the world.

One: Let us place ourselves before God and prepare for the work.

All: Lord, with open hearts and minds, we set ourselves before You. Instruct us in Your ways, Amen!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, #542

Words: Charles Wesley (1740)

Music: Joseph Parry (1879)

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*Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.*

*All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.*

UNISON PRAYER

*Holy and Merciful God, all of creation, and the world, and your people are
hungering for your peace. Lord, we seek to enter into lives that offer love
and peace to those in need of care. Holy One, help me spread your light
into this world as I am able. Lord, let Your peace begin with me, lead me
into a peaceful place where love is felt and hope reigns. Lord, Jesus, in
hope and belief, that I can be better, that I can let the old ways die,
opening new pathways for Your Spirit to work. I place myself before You
seeking to activate the gifts You have placed within me.*

Our Lord's Prayer

*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 lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom and the Power
and the Glory, forever, Amen.*

GLORI PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Harry Pearson

CHILDREN'S HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Words & Music: Harry Dixon Loes

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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17–4:1

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31–35

SERMON When the Work is Done!, Pastor Dave

HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth, #677

Words & Music: Jill Jackson, Sy Miller; harm.: Charles H. Webb (1987)

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*Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, that peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

*Lord, we are aware that our lives are blessed beyond our ability to repay.
Thus we bring our offering as a note of thanksgiving for Your Goodness.
Amen!*

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Steal Away To Jesus, #644

Words & Music: African-American spiritual

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*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, he calls me,
he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending,
poor sinners stand a trembling;
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord he calls me,
he calls me by the lightning;
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace, #445

Words: Barbara L. Waters

Music: Kenneth E. White

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their God is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"