

+ Affirmation of Faith

*from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

*Unison* We believe in God the Father  
in whom is power and compassion. He gave birth to the universe,  
shaped molecules and mountains. God’s power topples tyrants  
and brings down walls of separation.

We believe in Jesus the Son,  
born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable  
to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power  
of love and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with  
courage and clarity, forgave his enemies and changed lives. In  
his living, dying and rising again he showed love strong enough  
to save the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the Scriptures,  
opens our minds, and illuminates earth’s darkness. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer – using sins/sin

Offering  
Offertory “Spirit, Open My Heart” Alfred Fedak  
The Kirk Choir

+ Doxology  
+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn # 694 “Great God of Every Blessing” Aurelia  
+ Benediction  
+ Postlude “Dialogue sur Les Grand Jeux” Nicholas deGrigny

**The Flowers located at the pulpit** are provided by Chick and Nancy Dykeman  
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their mothers; Josephine  
Dykeman and Dorothy Neiman.

**We welcome Thomas Reed**, friend of Ralph and Jo Beaver, to lead us in our  
music this morning. Charlie Frost, our Minister of Music, is attending the  
National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in  
Minneapolis, MN. He returns for regular office hours tomorrow.

**A number of our children and youth** are participating today in a Walk for  
Diabetes on Daniel’s Island, SC helping to raise contributions for research.



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 12, 2017

8:30 and 10:30 am

+ Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude “My Jesus Leadeth Me” Johannes Brahms  
Thomas Reed, Organist

Chimes “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Welcome & Greeting + + + Jack Miller, Pastor

Morning Song “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Nicaea  
*seated* Lord God Almighty!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Worship *from Psalm 121* Paula Storey, Deacon (8:30)  
Cassandra Menning, Deacon (10:30)

*Deacon* I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from where will my help come?

*People* My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

*Deacon* The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

*People* The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

Opening Prayer

*Unison* Come Holy Spirit,  
you have placed yearning in our hearts.  
Now bring healing to body, mind, and spirit.  
Bless the heads that bow,  
the hands that touch,  
the hearts that hope. Amen.

+ Hymn # 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

Prayer of Illumination Phil Meeker, Elder (8:30)  
Matthew Yoakum, Elder (10:30)

*Unison* Gracious and loving God,  
you know us through and through.  
Speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed,  
that in the shelter of your love  
we may find the courage to face the parched places in our lives  
and find life in your spring of living water. Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 12:1-4a Pew Bible, Page 8

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

*Elder* O Lord, you know the journey of life and faith.  
You know our questions and our struggles, and  
you listen to our thoughts and prayers –

*Unison* O God, by way of your wisdom and grace  
you called and blessed Abram,  
and made of him a great nation.  
We confess that when you call us  
to a special work or task,  
we can be hesitant and afraid,  
anxious and uncertain.  
In your mercy, O Lord, forgive us.  
Like our brother Abram,  
may the road rise to meet our feet and  
may the wind be at our back.  
We pray in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

*Elder* Listen to the words of Jesus: Don't be afraid.  
Trust Abba Father and trust also in me.

*People* May we write these words on our hearts and,  
by God's grace, let them take root in our living.

+ Gloria Patri Traditional 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Henry Greatorex, 1881

+ Lighting of the Peace Candle Elora Fu, Liturgist  
*A Gift from the Congregation of the Good Shepherd  
Beijing, Peoples Republic of China*

*Leader* Tend your sick ones, Lord Jesus,  
rest your weary ones, and bless your dying ones.

*People* Soothe your suffering ones, O Christ,  
shield your joyous ones, and grant all your peace.

+ Hymn "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" Green Tyler

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

+ Sharing the Peace

*Leader* May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

*People* And also with you.

New Testament Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Pew Bible, page

+ Hymn # 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM Rhondda

Children's Homily Aaron Miller, Storyteller (10:30)  
Hymn – seated "Jesus Loves Me" Children's Church  
*Children's Church and Christian Nurture  
Trudi Peevey & Rosemary Cuppia, Pre K thru Kindergarten  
Windy Jester & Erin Martin, 1<sup>st</sup> thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*

The Gospel John 3:1-17 Pew Bible, page 863

Sermon "When the Wind Blows" Steve Keeler, Pastor