

**STITCHING SOLIDARITY**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 8, 2020**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**  
*During the prelude, you are invited  
to prepare for worship in silent reflection.*

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

Rev. Staci Imes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Roberta Gurtowski, Liturgist

*In this season of Lent,  
we seek a deeper journey.*

**We follow Jesus on his way to Jerusalem,  
stitching solidarity with those on the margins.**

*We look inside. We look outside.  
We confess the hypocrisy of our world and our lives.*

**We encounter the Holy in brokenness;  
we find blessing in imperfect community.**

*Come, join us as we walk with Jesus.*  
**Come, join us as we worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION      Quilt Testimony      Pat Moberg and Todd Peterson

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,**  
**As we seek to stitch solidarity with our words and actions,**  
**we acknowledge the many ways we fail to come along side**  
**the people and parts of your Creation most in need.**  
**Today we pray especially for...**

**Racial reconciliation and an end to race-based hatred.**

**We recognize that we often mess up by not speaking out or acting when we witness incidents of racial hatred, when we assume that a black man is dangerous, or when we speak derogatorily about people of other races.**

**We ask for forgiveness of our unconscious or conscious biases that lead us to act in such ways.**

**We ask for your help, Holy One, to work on shedding our biases and taming our fears of the “other.” Help us to recognize how we can act differently than we have in the past.**

**Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Friends, the God of justice is also the God of compassion, abiding with us always and inviting us again and again to open our eyes to God’s healing ways. Hear the Good News, in the reconciling work of God, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Lindsey Harris

*The peace of Christ be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us love one another and share a sign of peace.*

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy, with these pieces of your love story, stitch us together with all your children so we might be one with you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 10:32-52

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**SERMON DISCUSSION**

Rev. Staci Imes

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Jesu, Jesu” verses 1-3

## WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF CONCERN

*For \_\_\_\_\_ we pray.*  
*God in your grace, hear our prayer.*

### PRAYERS OF JOY

*For \_\_\_\_\_ we give thanks to the Lord.*  
**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

THE CREATION PRAYER, a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer  
 from *The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 source of all that is and that shall be,  
 Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!  
 The way of your justice be followed  
 by the peoples of the earth!  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*If you usually put your offering in the plate, we invite you to make a weekly practice of bringing it in during an “Open House”, mail it, or register for online giving on the [wppcseattle.org](http://wppcseattle.org) website.*

## WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION AS GOD’S FAMILY

### LENT COMMUNION LITURGY

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion will be distributed 1:1 during the “Open House” times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact Pastor Staci.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy One, with this simple meal, remind us that the stitches of your good news hold us together and strengthen us to go forward in love, in solidarity, and in hope. Amen.**

## WE GO WITH GOD’S BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN            “Jesu, Jesu” verses 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE