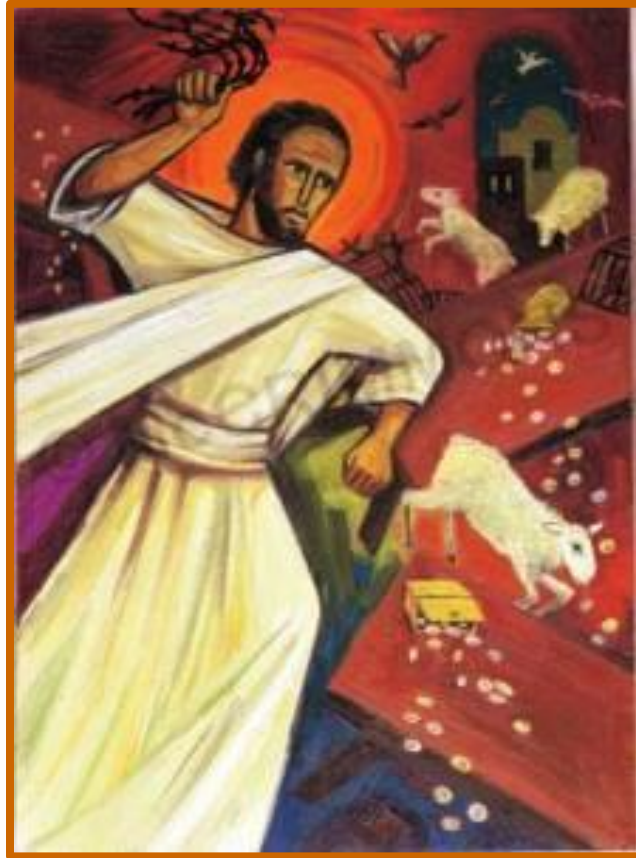


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**Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021**

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The Girl Scout motto is "*Be prepared.*"

In the 1947 *Girl Scout Handbook*, the motto was explained this way:

"A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed. Willingness to serve is not enough; you must know how to do the job well, even in an emergency."

The same holds true today.

We are proud of our Girl Scouts – Amelia and Lucy Ashmore



Silent Prayer

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion.

Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. Amen

Prelude

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

Warren/Martin

Welcome

Rev.TJ Mack

Introit

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v.1)

black hymnal #43

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

Passing of the Peace (ASL) and Girl Scout Sign

Lighting of the Peace Candle & Prayer for Peace – Amelia – Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Call to Worship – Girl Scout prayer (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

Amelia: Lord, help us to be good Girl Scouts, ones whom the world can trust.

All: Help us to respect our neighbors' rights, and never be unjust.

Help us as Americans, to be worthy of the flag we bear.

Amelia: Help us as real Girl Scouts, to be proud of the uniform we wear.

All: Help us to be clean, Dear Lord, in thought, word and deed.

Amelia: Help us to follow the law that is in the Girl Scout creed.

All: Help us to love all people of the world, and then to serve them, too.

Help our actions to count, Dear Lord, in everything we do.

Help give us strength to carry on and do our part each day.

Make a place in this world for us and help us fill it, we pray.

Make us what we ought to be, and in Thy footsteps fall.

Help us to live for others, O great Scout Master of us all. Amen

Children's Hymn – Girl Scout Anthem – Watch Me Shine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W66om1QO9-o>

Invocation (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

TNCH #829

O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your spirit come on us here gathered.

This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen

Children's Message

Girl Scout Law

Amelia Ashmore

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament Reading

John 2:13-22

Special Music *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

soloist Ron Schwizer

Message

Rev. TJ Mack

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

red hymnal #304

*1. Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me,"*

*2. As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

3. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

4. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these,"*

5. *Jesus calls us; by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys & Concerns Pastoral/Community Prayers

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***
Lead Me Lord

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.*

Offering

Welcoming our Tithes and Offerings –

One: The house of God is not a marketplace for buying and selling. It is a house of prayer, a place of healing and restoration, a place where we bring before God our provisions to be used for present needs. Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*
The Doxology

Daman/Thompson

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heav'nly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments—to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together*

black hymnal #330

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Jesus gathered his followers together round a table and they ate the Passover meal as a family, not related by blood but by faith. Each person there brought to the gathering talents and growing edges. They had hopes and dreams, disappointments, and fears. Sometimes they all got along, and sometimes they didn't, but they were bound together by their love and belief in Jesus. Look around you...in your homes and on your screens ... today we are the family Jesus has gathered together for this meal. We are the people who bring all that we are, and all that we hope to be, to the table. We are brothers and sisters by faith, the Body of Christ, Children of God. We have all received Jesus' invitation to share the bread and cup so Come! Eat! and know that we have found a common home and family in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Dearest Lord, we come to this table bringing all parts of ourselves: the good, the bad, and the ugly. We confess that we are not perfect. We carry within us both goodness and shame, compassion and contempt, holiness and idolatry. We lay the worst parts of ourselves at your feet and ask for forgiveness. Fashion for us an open and loving heart, an unbiased mind, and a willing spirit. Widen our circle to include all of your people, even those we do not like, we do not understand, or we do not agree with. Transform our stubbornness, unclench our fists, and give us the eyes and heart of Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The almighty and merciful God grants us pardon for all of our wrongdoing; what we have done and what we have failed to do. Accept this unconditional love into your heart, and strive to give it freely to all others. Amen

Communion Prayer

In the beginning, God took a blank canvas and painted our world. Light filled the universe; colors streamed out: the blues of the sky and water, the greens of the trees and grass, the yellow of the sun, and reds, purples, oranges, and every color in-between of the flowers. People whose skin reflected every hue filled the earth, our beautiful, amazing, wondrous God-given home.

“Dominion...over every living thing that moves upon the earth” was given to men and women by God. We now had responsibility for the future of our planet and everything that inhabited it, including each other. God’s hope for this future was for us to make a heaven on earth: a place of harmony and peace, equity and compassion, tolerance and positive regard, a home that was safe for all its creatures.

Despite God’s best efforts through men and women, human failings made necessary God’s most heart-felt intervention: Jesus Christ was born. Jesus came as teacher, full of stories and lessons meant to change our ways. Jesus came as prophet, to testify to the truth of God’s love and presence in our lives. Jesus came as a revolutionary, eager to challenge the thinking and practices of the leaders. Jesus came as a man: a man who ate and drank with the outcasts, who loved and forgave his enemies, and who suffered and died an excruciating death on a cross.

But Jesus left us gifts to help us through the ordinary and the extraordinary. His spirit lives within us, guiding, comforting, challenging, forgiving, and loving us each moment of every day. His life example inspires us to live the life he lived even when it seems difficult and sometimes impossible. And he gave us this meal we are about to eat: a reminder of his love, his faithfulness, his hope for our salvation, and his wish that we serve each other the bread and cup as a covenant to the community that binds us to him. We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine (while breaking the bread and pouring the wine)

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing the Elements

Remembering Jesus’ body and blood, we take this bread and juice, into our own bodies, hearts, and minds. May these elements change our thinking and way of relating to each other, to our family and friends, and most of all, to those we have difficulty relating to at all. As Jesus has made a home in us, let us make a loving and nurturing home for others.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Leader: The body of Christ, the living bread.

All: Amen

Leader: The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

All: Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are grateful, Lord, for this food of your body and spirit, reminding us of your deep love of us and your desire that we live in harmony and peace with our neighbors. Show us the way as your people to make our church a home for those who need love, attention, nurturing, and a sense of belonging. Break open our hearts and extinguish any resistance we might have so all will truly be welcome as one of our family. Encircle this family as well as all the families of our community, nation, and world so that every person might feel safe and cared for. We ask all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Benediction – (spoken in unison, unmuted)

TNCH #872

May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel. Amen

Postlude

Humbly I Adore Thee

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