

# Second Sunday of Lent



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**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Elder Allen Pease

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in D Minor BWV 851–J.S. Bach*  
Benjamin Watkins, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Fadi Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: Let us not be ashamed of our Savior.

**People: Let us sing and praise our God out loud. In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you.**

Liturgist: In our community, we will bear witness to our faith.

**People: Let us set our minds on divine things.**

Liturgist: Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.

**\*Opening Hymn**      *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*      #367



**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

**MUSIC for MEDITATION**

*Theme from Op. 15 II. Adagio–J. Brahms*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** (In Unison with Liturgist)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent confession . . .**

**DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS**

Liturgist: God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**



**The First Readings** *Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 4:22-24.* – Liturgist Haddad

**The Second Reading** *I John 7:14* – Speaker Haverstock

Speaker: The word of the Lord    **People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**      *God Doesn't Want Nice People*      Jim Haverstock

\*Hymn *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* (see insert, #591 in red hymnal)

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Elder Don Root

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius**

Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\**Gloria Patri.*

#579

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER – Elder Don Root**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

\**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Don Root

\***Closing Hymn**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

#379

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Elder Don Root

### POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

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The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

### **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

"Do Everything in Love" was the theme of the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in August in St. Louis. Four POV PW attended the gathering and two PW received certification as Racial Equity Dialogue (RED) trainers. Rev. Cheryl Thorne represented POV as a participant in the 2024 PW Synod Lenten Zoom series. Rev. Jerusha Van Camp, will be the 2025 Lenten Series, Women of Courage zoom speaker on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. (EDT). There are six active PW groups in the presbytery. We know there more congregations who use the PW Horizons Bible Study and where women meet on a regular basis. Prayers requested for PW POV leadership, as we continue to celebrate the gifts of women and recognize PW in the congregations with Honorary Life Memberships, which provides funding for leadership scholarships for women.



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Two leaflets with more information on One Great Hour of Sharing are on the table in the Narthex.