



2nd Sunday in Lent
Living Mosaics
March 17, 2019 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Songs

- #406 “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”
#400 “I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

This one thing I seek from the Lord:
to live in God’s house all the days of my life —
**where we may gaze upon our Creator’s beauty,
and find shelter in God’s sanctuary.**

Like a mother hen gathering her chicks,
Christ draws us into his loving embrace.

**Let us worship the Lord —
our light and our salvation!**

Inspired by Psalm 27 and Luke 13

Song #23 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

From Book of Common Worship, 2018

Silence

Response #842

“The Lord Is My Light”

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

Gillian Timon, Lay Reader

Message

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #468

“In My Life”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Song #821

“My Life Flows On”

Vs. 1 – 3

Sending

Song #821

“My Life Flows On”

V. 4

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon. At 10:10 a.m. we offer classes for all ages.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Arun Loptes who recently became a United States citizen, by his wife, Karen Asenavage. Arun and Karen are deeply grateful for all the faithful Westminster family who have prayed and supported them on their journey.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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The image of Christ as a mother hen is revolutionary. Instead of using a hypermasculine, militaristic, menacing image in response to Herod's death threats, Jesus upends the expected posture of violence and chooses to identify with the nurturing, protective, feminine image of a mother hen. He explains his love for Jerusalem as a mother hen who desperately desires to lovingly shelter her young. This image drips of rejection, however, because the chicks are unwilling to be protected. In Jesus' attempt to love the world he meets unwillingness, distrust, mockery, and violence.

Jesus' use of this simile is wonderfully subversive because at first it seems like a harmless, warm, and fuzzy kind of reference—a cuddly, plump mother hen wanting to snuggle her young—but mother hens will protect their young at all cost. A mother hen will put her whole body on the line to keep her chicks safe; if danger nears, she will meet it head on, striking with her beak, with claws raised high.

Jesus wants that fox (Herod) to know that death threats will not keep him from fiercely bringing healing and restoration to the world.

– Lauren Wright Pittman

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Sudie Niesen Thompson

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