

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Northside Presbyterian Church – February 28, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather in the season of Lent,
a time to examine our hearts and our lives
and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.*

*Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ
on a path that is lined with God's love.*

*God has marked us as beloved dust
and called us together to worship.*

HYMN – “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” (656, sing twice)

**We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
trusting in the holy Word; God’s never failed us yet.
O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.
We’ve come this far by faith.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

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.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT -- Frieda Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Lord of the Dance*” – Simple Gifts

GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38

SERMON – *“How Small Is Your Cross?”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – *“Will You Come and Follow Me?”* (726, v. 1-5)

**1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

**He’s the Way, He’s the Way, He has made for us a place, and He’s the Way.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Ron Pearson

Wava Bowles

Susan Dickerson

Doug Rathjen

Pat Modisett

Drew Taylor and family

Kelly Wimmer

All those suffering with
Covid or grieving the

Edd Stoops

Ann Stinson

loss of a loved one

Andy and Jean Robeson

Paul Angermeier

Today’s musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technician – Marshall Chaney