

Hopewell UMC
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

Instrumental Music

Welcome

Pastor Wendy

Announcements

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Call to Worship (by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

Opening Hymn

In the Garden
Ed Smith, guitar & vocals

UMH 314

Prayer of Confession (by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)
Pause for silent confession.

Listening God,
Take what is closed in us and open it.
Take what is distracted in us and settle it.
Take what is hurting in us and hold it.

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.
For we are like Peter, O God.
We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.
And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.

So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.
We long to hear you more clearly.
We long to know you more fully.

With hope we pray,
And with gratitude we confess.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness (by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

Siblings in Christ, We confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Music

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Moment

Hymn

Here I Am Lord

UMH 593

Marla Rainier, piano & Ron White, vocals

Pastoral Prayer & 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-9:8

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." ⁹And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

This is the word of God for all God's people, **thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Again and Again, We Are Called to Listen

Hymn

Where He Leads Me

UMH 338

Affirmation of Faith (by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

We believe.

**Sometimes our belief is confident,
Like a child on a dance floor—
Unashamed and wildly genuine.**

We believe.

**Sometimes our belief is distant,
Flickering and calling out to us
Like a lighthouse on the sea.**

We believe.

**Sometimes our belief shows up as passion,
Guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.**

We believe.

**Sometimes our belief is like a shadow—
Faith stitched to our heels, unmoveable, unloseable,
A gift for winding journeys.**

We believe.

**Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains.
We step forward. We fall back.
But again and again,
Jesus invites us to listen,
To grow, and to take another step.**

**So again and again,
We speak these truths out loud:
We believe.
Again and again, we believe.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Spoken Benediction (Adapted, by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

Musical Benediction **“Go Now in Peace”**

As our time of worship together ends, our praise for God continues and our worship through witness and service in the world begins.

Lent Worship Services

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday, John 2:13-22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Again and Again, We Are Shown the Way*

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent, John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10

Again and Again, God Loves First

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent, John 12:20-33, Jeremiah 31, 31-34
Again and Again, We Are Reformed

Sunday, March 28, Palm/Passion Sunday, John 12:1-19
Again and Again, We Draw on Courage

Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Again and Again, We are Held Together

Friday, April 2, Good Friday, John 19:1-30
Again and Again, We Find Ourselves Here

Community Cross Walk sponsored by the Canal Winchester-Lithopolis Area Ministerial Association. Meet at the train depot beginning at 11:45, walk starts at noon. Walk to David's UCC and have a community outdoor service.

Sunday, April 4, Easter, Communion Sunday, Mark 16:1-8
Again and Again, The Sun Rises