**March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

~ You are welcome to make yourself at home in our worship –

to join us in singing and prayer, to sit quietly, to cry or to laugh. ~

**Gathering...***in God’s Presence*

**Prelude** *Erhalt Uns Herr Bei Deinem Wort,* BachPhil Rinehart

**Introit** *Lord, Throughout These 40 days* FCCB Choir

**Welcome** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Call to Celebration**  Susan Bennitt

If God is a hen,

**we are under God’s wing.**

If God is a table,

**we each have a seat.**

If God is a house,

**we are safe from the storm.**

If God is a party,

**we’re invited to dance.**

If God is a melody,

**our names are the lyrics.**

If this is God’s house,

**then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**

Let us worship Holy god.

**Gathering Prayer** Susan Bennitt

**Hymn of Praise** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul****\****

**Call to Reconciliation** Susan Bennitt

**Prayer of Confession** Susan Bennitt

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,

**“I will keep on.”
I will keep on healing.
I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.**

**I will keep on treating every person like a child of God. I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on**

**and keep on
and keep on until God’s promised day.**

**Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness** Rev. Joseph Perdue

Family of faith, because Jesus’ love just keeps going, we can trust that love and grace exists for us.
So rest in this good news:
**No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God’s wing.**

**We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

**Morning Prayers & Silence** Susan Bennitt

**The Lord’s Prayer** Susan Bennitt

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.

**Receiving...***God’s Word for us*

**Anthem** *Abide with Me*, V. JohnsonFCCB Choir

**Children’s Message**

**Scripture Reading** *Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35* Susan Bennitt

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**  *Full to The Brim…Under God’s Wing* Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Reflection** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty****\****

**Responding*...****to God’s Love*

**Life Among the Believers** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Call to Offering** Susan Bennitt

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**Offertory**  *Full to The Brim* Katie Jones

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Dedication** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Dedication** *Lord of the Dance (I Danced in the Morning) \**

**Benediction**  Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Benediction Response** *Lenten Meditation*, J. Althouse FCCB Choir

**Commissioning** Susan Bennitt

*Come Rain or Shine,* by Rev. Sarah Speed

And All God’s People Said **Amen**

**Postlude** *How Great Thou Art,* DiemerPhil Rinehart

*~ Making Christ’s Love Known in Word and Action ~*