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**PREACHER/PRESIDER:** Pastor Brad Brown

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Jeff Bray

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**ALTAR GUILD:** Laurna Prantil and Elaine Lindstrom

**USHERS:** Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck and Christian Siebert

## **PRELUDE**

**GUIDED MEDITATION** "Tree Of Life and Awesome Mystery" *Red Book 334, vs 1 & 3*

**REPRISE** "Tree Of Life and Awesome Mystery" *Red Book 334, Lent 2*

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

*Pastor Brad Brown*

We worship in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*Nancy Groethe*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

**to the house of the God of Jacob.**

That he may teach us his ways;

**that we may walk in His paths.**

For out of Zion shall go forth instructions,

**and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

The Lord will be our everlasting light,

**And our God will be our glory. Amen**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

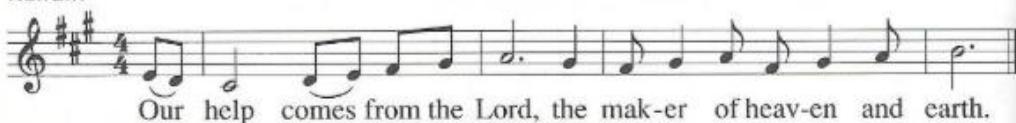
<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121** "Our Help Comes from the Lord"

*Michael Joncas*

Refrain



Verses

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2. May God never allow you to stumble! Let God sleep not, your guard.  
Neither sleeping nor slumbering, God, Israel's guard.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade: and at your right side stands,  
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil: God will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.
5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior"

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther,  
call - ing us to life; Son of God who  
leads us to free-dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther,". The second staff continues with: "call - ing us to life; Son of God who". The third staff concludes with: "leads us to free-dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!". The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

**GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1 – 17

*Pastor Brad Brown*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of John, Chapter 3, verses 1 -17:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "**Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.**" <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "**Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.**" <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The

wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

**11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.** <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”**

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**SERMON**                      "Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark"                      *Pastor Brad Brown*

**SERMON SONG**              "Nicodemus Sought out Jesus"  
(Prayer squares are collected)                      *Carolyn Gillette*

Sung to the tune of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"                      *Red Book 807*

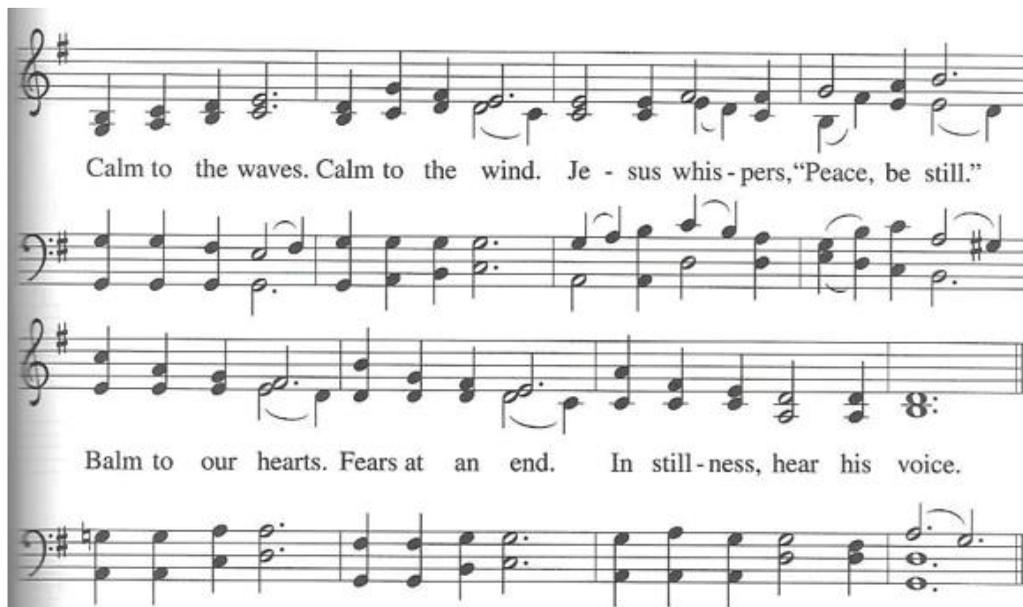
Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.  
He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."  
Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:  
"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."

"Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"  
Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.  
And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!  
They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."

God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,  
Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have been.  
May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.  
Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "Calm to the Waves"

*Mary Louise Bringle*



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG**

"Little Blue"

*Jacob Collier*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Nancy Groethe*

Steadfast God, you bless us amid all the changes and chances of life. Grant us servant hearts, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION**

*Pastor Brad Brown*

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

*Red Book 469 Vs 1/Refrain*

### **Presider's Prayer**

**Reprise** "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" *Red Book 469 vs 2/Refrain*

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

**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 and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation**

**COMMUNION SONG** "O Living Breath of God"

*Red Book 407*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Nancy Groethe*

Oh God, our leader and guide, through your body and blood, you bring us hope to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace, for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING SONG**

"How Firm a Foundation"

*Red Book 796*

Sung to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email [admin@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:admin@redeemermilwaukee.org) to set up an appointment with the pastor.**

### BIBLE STUDY

- Bible Study will be on hiatus for a few weeks.

### WE NEED USHERS

- Please use the link below to sign up in the coming weeks to help with ushering.
- Greeters to arrive by 9:30 to help Dorothy greet people and pass out bulletins. Ushers to arrive by 9:45. Ushers will collect the offering and usher during communion.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-62349087-usher>

### DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at [finance@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:finance@redeemermilwaukee.org). She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at [music@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:music@redeemermilwaukee.org). We will be singing next on Easter Sunday.

### LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at [operations@olganws.com](mailto:operations@olganws.com).

### LENTEN GIVING TREES

- The trees are stationed at the front of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Prayerfully grab an egg if you'd like and bring in the item on the egg to donate to the many ministries here at Redeemer.

### MET TEAM

- For more information on the MET TEAM and their progress, please feel free reach out to Donnie Bogle-Boesiger at [donnieboboe@gmail.com](mailto:donnieboboe@gmail.com).

### CALM & CONNECTED: DE-ESCALATION & CRISIS RESPONSE

- Join us on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM for an interactive training with Kendra Stea focused on de-escalation and crisis response. This session will equip participants with practical tools to recognize tension, respond calmly, and maintain safety while honoring the dignity of everyone in our shared community. **Please RSVP at [olganws.com/event](https://olganws.com/event).**

### CROSSING THE CHASMS

- Join Rev. Marilyn Miller and Joyce Caldwell, PhD, on March 7th from 9–4:30pm here at Redeemer to explore the “chasms” of separation in our communities through the biblical story of The Rich Man and Lazarus. Using storytelling, scripture, and history, participants will examine racism, how it is sustained, and how we can grow in understanding and action. Register at <https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/crossing-the-chasm-anti-racism-training/>.

### LA FAMILIA DE ARTE MURAL

- All are invited to a creative arts project after service on Sunday, March 8th. Help La Familia de Arte to design a mural for the Father Groppi Unity Bridge. Many groups and churches around Milwaukee are contributing. Let's represent Redeemer! For questions, please contact Lisa Myers at 231-649-8041.



*Wednesdays in Lent  
at Redeemer*

5:30 PM - Sanctuary

February 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

2026

**HOLDEN EVENING  
PRAYER**