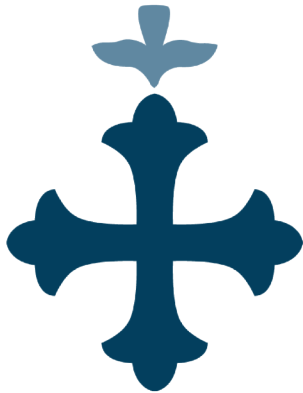


February 25, 2024 | The Second Sunday in Lent



RESURRECTION
MADISON

*Resurrection Presbyterian Church is a community that is
finding life through the gospel of Jesus in order to love God
and neighbor and bless our city.*

A church for urban and university Madison.

Notes

The notes in the margins are a way to help guide you through each aspect of today's service. If you have any questions, we encourage you to chat with a church leader after the service or email admin@resurrectionmadison.com.

Welcome to RESURRECTION MADISON

We're all at different stages in our relationship with God: he may be the priority of your life, it may have been a while since you connected with him, or you may be exploring these things for the first time. At Res Pres, we celebrate God's grace: Jesus came to give us life—today and for eternity. This offer is made to us all; whatever your background, we're delighted you're here!

We'd love to connect with you. Fill out the Welcome portion on the back page of the bulletin and drop it in the blue box, or complete or digital connect card (QR code below). Whether you're worshipping with us for the first time or as a regular part of our family, we hope this service will be good for your soul.

In his grace,



Matt Lietzen, Senior Pastor

Worship Notes

When you see an asterisk (*), please stand as you are able.

Bold text indicates a corporate, responsive reading.

For Your Kids

Nursery is available for ages 0-36 months on the lower level.

Nursing Mother's Room with worship service audio is available most Sundays on the upper level by the Mound St entrance.

Children's Church is available for kids pre-K to 2nd grade. Children are dismissed during the giving of the peace and are returned before Communion.

Children 3rd Grade and Above are encouraged to worship with their families during the service. Age appropriate worship materials are available at the table next to the entrance of the worship space.

Connect with us

We can't wait to reach out and say hello! Take a moment to complete the Welcome portion on the back of the bulletin, or complete our digital connect card. We will follow up with you during the week.



SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

We're glad you've joined us today.

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The gospel is an exclusive truth but it's the most inclusive exclusive truth in the world.

-Timothy Keller

Gathering Hymn* – Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we've first begun.

Credits: Public Domain

Preparation

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to calm your heart, read the reflection quotes, and prepare for the service.

The Church Year

Lent is an historic Christian tradition where the church observes a 40-day season (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday) to prepare for the centerpiece of the Christian gospel: the death and resurrection of Jesus. During Lent, we're encouraged to take long looks at our sin and brokenness, but even longer looks at the mercy and love of God. It is a time to empty ourselves of lesser things that we might be filled with the greater things of the gospel; to die to sin that we might live for righteousness (1 Pe. 2:24).

PRAISE

Gathering Hymn

God is a gracious host who initiates worship with an invitation to respond in song.

Words of Entrance

If worship is offering all that we are to all that God is, this is a proclamation of our intention. It is also a challenge to ourselves about what we worship daily.

Words of Entrance* – Psalm 84:1-4

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

RENEWAL

Confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves, each other, and with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest with our needs will the good news of grace be significant.

Prayer of Entrance*

Welcome

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life in your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood. Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart, or serve you as we ought. Pardon our offences, we pray, and make us clean, that we may continue as members of Christ, in whom alone is salvation. Amen.

From the Anglican Prayer Book (Australia)

Silent confession of sin

Words of Comfort* – Ephesians 2:13-15

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

The Maker of heaven and earth.

O Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth will show forth your praise!

Hymns of Gratitude and Praise

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it will be forever,
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Arr: Digerness

Comfort

God never leaves his people in their sin, but he comforts us with his promise of forgiveness in Christ.

Gloria Patri

The Gloria Patri is one of the oldest Christian hymns, dating back to the fourth century. It highlights our Triune God—one God existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Generosity

Gratitude and joyful generosity are the fruit of a grace-transformed life. While we don't pass an offering plate at Res Pres, we do want to create an opportunity for us to respond by giving our time, talents, and resources for the work of the church.

If you're new to Res Pres, we invite you to complete the Welcome card on the back of the bulletin and deposit it in the offering box outside the worship space.

For regular attenders and members, we invite you to give in person or online at resurrectionmadison.com/give.



Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Credits: Public Domain

Expression of Gratitude – Psalm 95:1-2

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

The Blessing of the Children – Mark 10:14-16

[Jesus said,] “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

During the giving of the peace, children Pre-K to 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

The Peace of Christ*

May the peace of Christ be always with you! | **And also with you!**
Let us offer one another a sign of his peace.

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Announcements

For today’s highlighted announcements, see page 15.

Prayers of the People – Concluded by the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

A long-standing tradition of the church, this is a time when we have the chance to greet one another, regardless of our relationship, as individuals made in God’s image. It is more than a mere greeting — it is an acknowledgement of one’s innate humanity that deserves to be addressed as well as a call to be united despite our differences.

Prayer

We pray because we know we can bring our concerns for ourselves and for others, for the world and for the church, to God.

The Lord’s Prayer

Jesus gave this example in the New Testament (Matthew 6:9-13) to show us how to pray. We use this prayer corporately each week as a reminder.

Scripture Reading* – Luke 13:18-30 (ESV)

18 [Jesus] said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

20 And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

22 [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, 24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ 26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ 27 But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. 29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The Word of the Lord. | **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – The Roadblock of Exclusivity

Second sermon in series, The Road to the Cross

Rev. Matt Lietzen

Confession of Faith* – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**(that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)*

The Great Thanksgiving*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sermon

The sermon is teaching based on Scripture. This is not just an intellectual function. The role of the sermon is to make real the truths of the gospel. As we see who God is and what he is doing, our hearts are to be affected.

RESPOND

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest confessional statements in the church, dating back to the late second century. This creed contains the shared core beliefs that Christians have believed throughout all time.

Sanctus

Sanctus is another ancient hymn of the church, dating back to the fifth century. Christians have historically sung this hymn before meeting with Jesus at his table for Communion.

Communion

This practice is a “feast” we have together as a community, remembering and making tangible the promises Christ made to us, and we made to him.

Communion Instructions

Come forward row by row, and use the hand sanitizer if you desire.

Extend your hands to receive the bread from the server.

Note: there is a gluten-free option—just let the server know.

After you receive the bread, move to the next station to receive the cup.

Note: Wine is served on the outer two rings, while juice is served in the inner rings.

Deposit the empty cup in the tray on the end and return to your seat.

Sanctus*

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full
Of Your glory

Refrain:

Hosanna
In the highest (x2)

B. Blessed is He Who comes
In the Name of the Lord

Refrain

Arr: Schwab

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution – from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Leader: We break bread in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! And we declare the great mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me consider the cost of following you as I think about the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Wanting Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying the debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I wish to turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Children Observing Communion: Lord Jesus, I do not understand everything about this communion service. But I know that it is good. Jesus, when I feel hungry for the bread, please help me to hunger for you instead. When I wish I could taste the sweetness of the juice, please help me instead to think of the sweetness of your love. Lord Jesus, thank you that your broken body and your blood paid for my sin. I love you Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn – Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Credits: Public Domain

Communion Prayers

If you are not partaking the Communion meal, use these prayers as a way to guide your thoughts during this time.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the gospel and following Jesus, talk to the pastor or liturgist before you leave today.

Sending Hymn* – Good To Me

I cry out
For Your hand of mercy to heal me
I am weak
I need Your love to free me
Oh Lord my rock
My strength in weakness
Come rescue me oh Lord

Pre-Refrain:

You are my hope
Your promise never fails me
And my desire
Is to follow You forever

Refrain:

For You are good for You are good
For You are good to me
For You are good for You are good
For You are good to me

Credits: Musseau

SENDING

Benediction

The benediction is how we close our time of worship. It is not a prayer but rather a blessing with a charge to go beyond our church into the world carrying the hope, joy and love of the gospel.

Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Arr: Ken; Old Hundredth

Benediction* – 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Worship Throughout the Week

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 13:18-30 again. What stands out to you?
2. Think about the images Jesus uses to describe his kingdom: a seed (v. 19), yeast (v. 21), a narrow door (v. 24), a feast (v. 29). Which of these images strikes you most? What are they meant to teach us about Jesus and being his follower?
3. The growth of the kingdom in the world and in us is incremental and inevitable. How can this truth be an encouragement to you as you strive to follow Jesus?
4. Jesus says that the way of salvation is narrow—that it only happens through him. How is this claim to exclusivity countercultural today? But why is it good news?
5. Jesus says that what matters most is not physical proximity or theological knowledge, but personal relationship with him. How can we cultivate a deeper relationship with Christ this week?

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Monday: Luke 12:22-34

Tuesday: Luke 13:1-5

Wednesday: Luke 13:10-17

Thursday: Luke 13:22-30

Friday: Luke 14:25-33

Saturday: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

PRAYER

Write down some things you want to pray about his week:

Sermon Discussion Questions

Go deeper with the Bible passage and sermon (either on your own or in a Community Group) by using these sermon questions.

Family Worship Guide

If you have young kids, use these questions from Marty Machowski's *The Gospel Story Bible* and the *New City Catechism* to have spiritual conversations with your children. If you need help acquiring copies of these resources, let us know by emailing children@resurrectionmadison.com.

Family Worship Guide

Gospel Story Lesson – Genesis 12-13

Bible Truth: **God works his purposes through the people that he calls.**

Let's talk about it!

1. What is Lot looking at and what is Abram looking at?
2. Would you rather live in a town or in the country?
3. What did God give Abram that was better than living in town?

New City Catechism - Question 8

Q: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

A: **You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.** (Exodus 20:3)

Today's Highlighted Announcements:

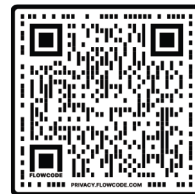
We pursue our vision through a commitment to a common worship, a common life, and the common good of Madison.



On Ramp - Sunday, March 3rd, 10th, and 17th

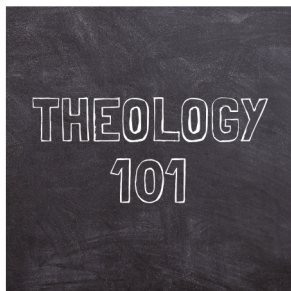
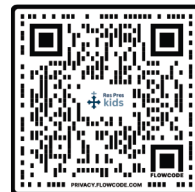
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If you are curious about what the gospel is, and what it looks like to be a member of a church, then On Ramp is for you. Coffee, donuts, and childcare provided! You can register online (resurrectionmadison.com/on-ramp) or talk to Pastor Matt for more info.



New Newsletter for Parents - Subscribe today!

Beginning in March, we will be rolling out a monthly newsletter aimed for parents of Res Pres to give you a tool to have spiritual conversations with your children. The newsletter will contain upcoming events, resources for parent engagement and family worship, and other relevant updates.



Theology 101 - Wednesday, February 28th

6:30-8:00pm, Lietzen's Home (4406 Yuma Dr) and Zoom

What are the basic beliefs of Christianity, and what difference does it make in our everyday life? Whether you're curious about Christianity or a seasoned Christian wanting to go deeper, join us for a four-session introductory course on Christian theology. Find more info on our website: resurrectionmadison.com/events.

Join a Community Group!

Community Groups are neighborhood-based groups that meet 2-3x times a month for food, fellowship, and formation. Go to resurrectionmadison.com/connect or follow up with the contacts below to get details for each group.

Near East Side: Meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact d@petranek.net

Far East Side: Meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Contact cait@crescendomadison.com

Near West Side: Meets on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Contact lucasjamesfranklin@gmail.com

West Side: Meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact will.benish@gmail.com

Southwest: Meets Sundays at 6:30pm. Contact parker.neathery@gmail.com

Welcome to our church community!

We'd love to get to know you and learn how to pray for you. Please fill out this form and deposit in the offering box, and we will follow up with you during the week.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Zip: _____

Preferred method of contact:

Email Call Text

How long have you been attending?

First time 6-12 months
 Attend occasionally 1+ year
 0-6 months Just visiting

How did you hear about us?

Website Social Media
 Friend Other: _____

I would like to receive information about:

Learning about Christianity
 Midweek gatherings (CGs, classes, etc.)
 Serving at Res Pres
 Becoming a church member

Are you a college student?

School: _____

Comments, feedback, or prayer requests:

Share with Prayer Team: Yes No

Other Announcements

Common Worship

Pre-service prayer: Join us at 10am every Sunday. Meets in the lower level of Beth Israel.

Midweek Prayer: Join us on Zoom for midweek prayer on Wednesdays at noon. Use this QR code to join!



Common Life

Madison PCA Women's Seminar March 9, 10am - 3pm: Get together with other women in Madison from Lake Trails and Harvest Church for a one-day seminar on Psalm 46. Register online (on the Events page) or reach out to Kelsey Lietzen (kelseylietzen@gmail.com) with questions.

Common Good

Pray for Our Partners: Looking for ways to pray for what God is doing in our city and Wisconsin? Here are some updates from our ministry partners:

RUF at UW: Praise God that RUF will have an intern in the fall! Pray that everything comes together (finances, moving, etc) for her to join us in Madison later this year.

Brad & Emma Risch: Pray for wisdom as they discern next steps for life and ministry.

Wisconsin Presbytery: Pray for new church planting works in Stevens Point, Eau Claire, and Green Bay. Pray for a new RUF ministry at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Financial Update (as of 01/2024)

Projected Giving:	\$15,250	YTD Giving:	\$21,489
Actual Giving:	\$21,331	YTD Expenses:	\$13,739
Difference:	\$6,081		\$7,749

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