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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you before your God.
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Come, come, come!

Centering

JAIME REZA

Words For It

By Julia Cameron

I wish I could take language
And fold it like cool, moist rags.
I would lay words on your forehead.
I would wrap words on your wrists.
“There, there,” my words would say –
Or something better.
I would ask them to murmur,
“Hush” and “Shh, shhh, it’s all right.”
I would ask them to hold you all night.
I wish I could take language
And daub and soothe and cool
Where fever blisters and burns,
Where fever turns yourself against you.
I wish I could take language
And heal the words that were the wounds
You have no names for.

Singing

Open the Eyes of My Heart

By Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you
I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you
I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory;
Lord, pour out your pow’r and love as we sing,
Holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,

Playing

Fresh Word

Praying

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths,
but only such as it is good for building up, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Learning

The Power of Language and the First Agreement

Craig Tyrl, Administrative Pastor

Communing

Pastor Sarah

Draw the Circle Wide

By Mark Miller

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song,
no one stand alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.

(refrain)

Sending

Pastor Sarah

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the Earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

Departing

Language

By Tori Kelly

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