TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**The Second Sunday of Lent**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

**Let our human flesh keep silence,**

**and with fear and reverence stand;**

**ponder nothing earthly minded,**

**for with blessing in his hand;**

**Christ our God is with his people;**

**helping us fulfill God’s plan.**

**Christ our God is here among us,**

**showing us the way of the cross;**

**calling us to self-denial, helping us to manage loss;**

**for this fallen world deceives us,**

**here today we reckon the cost.**

HYMN # 407 “Close to Thee”

**Thou my everlasting portion,**

**more than friend or life to me,  
all along my pilgrim journey,**

**Savior, let me walk with thee.  
Close to thee, close to thee,**

**close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,**

**Savior, let me walk with thee.**

**Not for ease or worldly pleasure,**

**nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
gladly will I toil and suffer,**

**only let me walk with thee.  
Close to thee, close to thee,**

**close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,**

**Savior, let me walk with thee.**

**Lead me through the vale of shadows,**

**bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
then the gate of life eternal**

**may I enter, Lord, with thee.**

**Close to thee, close to thee,**

**close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,**

**Savior, let me walk with thee.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

PRAYER SONG # 382 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.**

*Silent Prayers Pastoral Prayer*

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!**

GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

HOMILY “The Least Popular Teaching”

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**All the gifts of God are holy,**

**all the ways of God are blest;**

**all the words of God assist us,**

**in our daily trials and tests;**

**fill our lives, O Lord, renew us;**

**evermore to be our best.**

HYMN # 373 “Nothing Between”

**Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
naught of this world's delusive dream;  
I have renounced all sinful pleasure;  
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between. CHORUS**

**CHORUS : Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
so that his blessed face may be seen;  
nothing preventing the least of his favor;  
keep the way clear! let nothing between.**

**Nothing between, like worldly pleasure;  
habits of life, though harmless they seem,  
must not my heart from him ever sever;  
he is my all, there's nothing between. CHORUS**

**Nothing between, like pride or station;  
self or friends shall not intervene;  
though it may cost me much tribulation,  
I am resolved, there's nothing between. CHORUS**

**Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,  
though the whole world against me convene;  
watching with prayer and much self denial,  
I'll triumph at last, there's nothing between. CHORUS**

BLESSING *Eternal* *God, you are the presence in whom my being comes alive, the core and ground of my existence, and the source of life and goodness. Your presence calls us to fullness of life, to praise and thanksgiving, to integrity and wholesomeness, and to courageous, vulnerable love. Amen.*

POSTLUDE