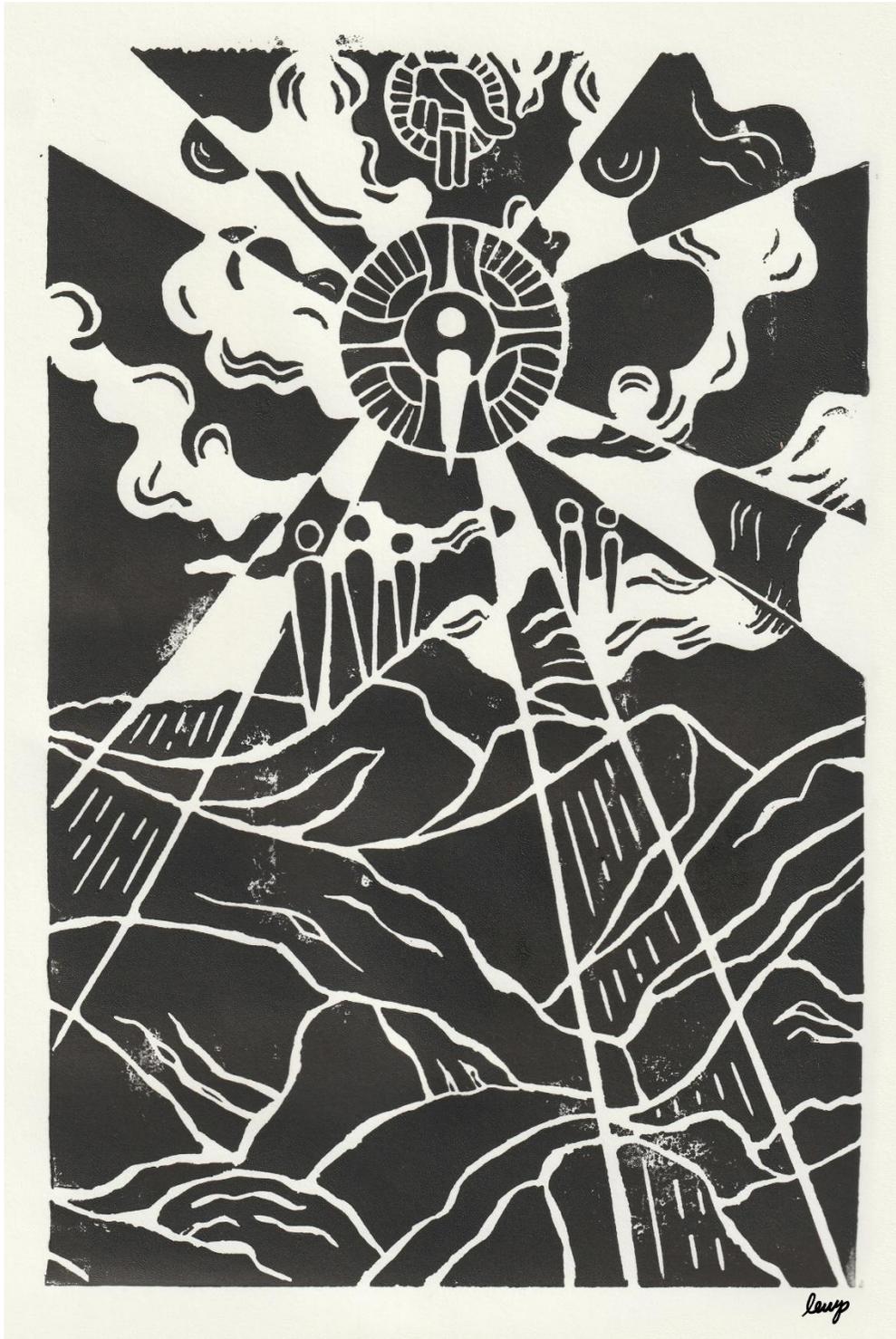


Order of Worship for February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Virtual Worship



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## **We Approach God**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prelude: Meditation on Mark 8:31-38 -Martha Gallagher, harp

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Kinesthetic Call to Worship

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Listening God, take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully. With hope we pray, And with gratitude we confess. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (spoken in unison):

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

Gloria Patri

## **We Hear God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-9:8

Children's Message

Sermon: "Again & Again, We Are Called to Listen"

## **We Respond to God's Word**

Song of Response: "Again & Again"

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe.

Sometimes our belief is confident,  
Like a child on a dance floor—  
Unashamed and wildly genuine.

All: **We believe.**

**Sometimes our belief is distant,**

**Flickering and calling out to us  
Like a lighthouse on the sea.**

One: We believe.  
Sometimes our belief shows up as passion,  
Guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.

**All: We believe.  
Sometimes our belief is like a shadow—  
Faith stitched to our heels, unmoveable, unloseable,  
A gift for winding journeys.**

One: We believe.  
Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains.  
We step forward. We fall back.  
But again and again,  
Jesus invites us to listen,  
To grow, and to take another step.

**All: So again and again,  
We speak these truths out loud:  
We believe.**

One: We believe.

**All: Again and again, we believe.**

One: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace (stretch your hands toward your screen if you're on video, praying God's peace on the assembly.)

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to [frc1850@aol.com](mailto:frc1850@aol.com)
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave.,  
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" -Sharon Irving

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

*Our time of prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer:*

**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 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.**

Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

Blessing and Benediction

*The space will remain open for conversation and catching up in our "virtual coffee hour."*

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Prayer for Illumination, and Statement of Faith are by Rev. Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org*

### **Announcements**

**Lent Study Group:** Our Lenten study group continues this Wednesday at 12:30, and will continue weekly on Wednesdays until April 3. We are reading together Amy-Jill Levine's book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. In this book, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story through the theme of "risk." She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. If you want to join the study, you're welcome to! Catch up by reading the introduction and first chapter, and this week we'll talk about chapter 2. Email Pastor Emily for the link: revemilybrown@gmail.com.

**Annual Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting will take place today via Zoom at 11:30am. All members and regular attendees of First Reformed Church are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include reports, passing a budget for 2021, and electing members of Consistory. The Zoom link for the Annual Meeting is separate from our regular Zoom worship link. Access the meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81730688447?pwd=R2E5T0owS0pEV0pCTIliOHhxcU9qUT09>

Or use the following codes:

Meeting ID: 817 3068 8447

Passcode: 1850

**Pulpit Exchange with Woodlands Community Temple: March 5 & 7:** On Sunday, March 7, we're delighted to welcome Rabbi Mara Young as our guest preacher! Mara has been serving as Associate Rabbi at Woodlands Community Temple, and will succeed Rabbi Billy Dreskin when he retires in June. Pastor Emily will preach for WCT's Shabbat service on March 5 at 8pm. The service is streamed to Facebook. Services take place at facebook.com/wctemple. You do not need Facebook in order to join in.

Just go to the page and scroll down and you'll see the live service. We hope you'll join in both services as we get to know our neighbors!